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Tehran will refrain from attacking ships

Iran pledges to keep peace process alive

ABU DHABI, July 31, (Reuters): Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati said today Iran will not attack ships in the Gulf while UN peace talks are in progress and expected the United States to cease providing naval escort for reflagged tankers.

"We will try to do our best not to violate anything so that Resolution 598 will come into reality," Besharati said in an interview.

"Until that time, we will not do any problem to shipping," Besharati said.

Asked if the unilateral decision

to suspend such attacks would change if Iraq resumed its raids on Iranian tankers, Besharati said: "In that case you have to condemn Iraq."

Iran and Iraq have suspended attacks on merchant vessels in the Gulf since Tehran accepted the UN ceasefire resolution on July 18.

The only reported action since Iran agreed to the UN ceasefire resolution occurred on July 23 when Iranian gunboats fired on Kuwaiti fishing boats in the northern Gulf killing three Egyptian fishermen north of the Kuwaiti island of Awba.

Besharati said he expected foreign warships to leave the Gulf after a peace settlement.

More than 70 naval ships of the United States and its Western

allies are in the Gulf to protect shipping and to sweep for mines.

Asked whether a delay in the withdrawal of foreign warships could hinder a settlement of the eight-year war between Iran and Iraq, he said: "Of course not, but their departure will serve peace better."

Dialogue

On the question of reflagged Kuwait tankers, he said: "After the peace settlement, Kuwait is going to bring down the American flag and re-write the vessels' real names."

He said Iran was ready to open dialogue with the United States and consider resumption of ties if Washington withdrew from the

Gulf and ended its hostility towards Iran.

Besharati said he expected a UN commission of enquiry to begin work within 10 days to determine who was responsible for starting the war.

Iraq says Iran started the war by shelling southern border areas in Sept 1980. Iran says Iraq began it when it invaded Iranian territory later the same month.

Asked whether he expected Resolution 598 to lead to a durable peace in the Gulf, he said: "Definitely it will."

Speaking at a news conference at the Iranian embassy yesterday, Besharati said identifying the aggressor in the war was a prerequisite for a permanent and comprehensive peace.

"The aggressor must be puni-

shed, otherwise anyone will carry out aggression against others without deterrent," he said.

He denied any Iranian connection with the kidnapping of foreigners in Lebanon but said Tehran was ready to help secure their release.

Yielded

"We have exerted efforts in the past and they have yielded positive results," he said. "We still are ready to help free the hostages if we were asked by the countries concerned."

Besharati later arrived in Doha and handed over a message from Iranian President Ali Khamenei to Qatar's Amir Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani.

UN chief will be successful, hopes Kuwait

KUWAIT hopes that UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar will be successful in his efforts to implement the Security Council Resolution 598 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

Kuwait believes that a peaceful settlement will ensure complete national sovereignty of every state, Minister of State for Housing Affairs and acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Nasser Abdullah Al Roudhan said after a meeting of the Council of Ministers.

He said, Kuwait considers Resolution 598 as a just and honourable formula for ending the Gulf war.

The cabinet also praised Perez de Cuellar's efforts to implement the resolution in its entirety.

Iraq seeks 'genuine' peace

BAGHDAD, July 31, (Agencies): Iraqi government-run newspapers warned that Iraq would reject any truce that was not tied to complete peace in the Gulf war.

The Army newspaper Al Qadisiyah said until "genuine peace" is assured, "we will maintain our finger on the trigger."

The newspaper warned that Iran's July 17 acceptance of Resolution 598 seemed designed to let the country catch its breath after a series of battlefield losses.

"We are not so foolish as to be lulled by this game and let the dead body (Iran) rise again and relaunch aggression against our country."

face-to-face talks before a ceasefire, following Tehran's decision to accept Security Council Resolution 598.

The Iraqi Air Force flew 115 combat missions along the war front during the day, inflicting heavy losses, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

Denied

Iraqi-backed Iranian rebels, meanwhile, denied a claim by Iranian acting Commander in Chief Hashemi Rafsanjani that they killed 30 patients at a hospital in the western Iranian town of Esfahabad.

Tehran Radio said Iranian forces "liberated" the town of Qasr-e Shirin overnight and beat back what it described as a "fierce enemy offensive" farther north, killing or wounding hundreds of Iraqis.

On Saturday, however, Iraq had announced its forces had withdrawn from Qasr-e Shirin in a pre-planned pullout after achieving its objective of disrupting Iranian supply lines and capturing prisoners.

The town is only a few miles (kilometres) from the border and by the two sides' accounts, has changed hands several times over the past 10 days.

Losses

An Iraqi night offensive against the Iranian border town of Mehran farther south was repulsed with heavy losses, Iran's official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The official Iraqi News Agency reported a woman was killed and eight other people wounded in Iranian shelling of the northern border township of Qal'at Dizah. Iran denied shelling the town.

Agreed

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati conferred for about 90 minutes yesterday, their fifth session of the week, and agreed to meet again tomorrow. But there was no call by Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

Compromise 'reached' on F-18 deal

WASHINGTON, July 31, (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz said today a compromise with Congress appeared to have been reached that will permit the administration to sell Kuwait about \$1.9 billion of warplanes and weapons.

Shultz, in a television interview, said the deal was "pretty well set now."

The Reagan administration's proposed sale to Kuwait of 40 F-18 fighters and 300 Maverick missiles had been jeopardised by congressional opposition.

Kuwait said it wanted the weaponry to protect itself against Iran.

Shultz did not give details of the compromise but the New York Times said today Kuwait would get most of the weapons it wanted, with restrictions added aimed at minimising any threat to Israel.

Proposed

Pressure for a compromise intensified recently when Britain negotiated a huge arms deal with Saudi Arabia. Riyadh said it turned to London because of the opposition it must overcome to buy arms from the United States.

"There is a proposed sale of F-18 aircraft and associated weaponry to Kuwait," said Shultz. "That is on the table before Congress and it is in a regular process that those arms sales go through."

"There's been a lot of discussion between the administration, members of the Congress and the government of Kuwait that adjusts, potentially, exactly what's in that sale a little bit. That's obviously been discussed with interested parties and I think it is pretty well set now," he said.

The New York Times said that under the compromise, the administration would assure Congress the sale did not set a precedent for arms sales to other countries. Kuwait would not extend the range of the F-18s or base the aircraft outside Kuwait, and the missiles would not be delivered until after the F-18s were in operation, probably in 1994.



Sheikh Saad (right) received by Sheikh Sabah (second right) and other high ranking officials. (Photo by Javed Basra)

Sheikh Saad returns

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah returned home yesterday from West Germany where he was on a private visit.

His trip to West Germany was preceded by an official six-day visit to the United States in response to an invitation by President Reagan.

Sheikh Saad was received by the head of the National Guard Sheikh Salem Al Ali, Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other high ranking officials and dignitaries.

Palestinians with Jordanian passports will not be affected

Hussein accepts separation of West Bank

AMMAN, July 31, (Agencies): King Hussein said today he accepted the separation of the Israeli-occupied West Bank from Jordan, which he said was what the PLO wanted.

"We respect the wish of the PLO, the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, to secede from us in an independent Palestinian state," the king said in a speech broadcast to the nation.

King Hussein indicated that Amman would cut its legal and administrative functions in the West Bank, which was united with Jordan in 1950.

Citing a "general Palestinian and Arab orientation towards highlighting the Palestinian identity," he said:

"It has also become clear there is a general conviction that maintaining legal and administrative links with the West Bank, and the ensuing Jordanian interaction with our Palestinian brothers under occupation through Jordanian institutions in the occupied territories, contradicts this orientation."

The PLO the Palestinian people's sole legitimate representative.

The king said the separation of the East and West Banks would not mean Jordan had abandoned its duty to the Arab cause or the search for a Middle East peace settlement.

He said Jordan would continue to support the nearly eight-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

"In addition, Jordan will not give up its commitment to take part in the peace process," he said, reiterating the kingdom's call for an international conference to settle the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian problem.

Initiative

The new moves leave much of a recent US peace initiative by US Secretary of State George Shultz in tatters. The United States had been working on formulas under which Jordan would be partially responsible for representing the Palestinians in peace talks.

Pro-PLO Palestinians in the occupied territories welcomed King Hussein's moves but an Israeli source dismissed the changes as insignificant.

An Israeli Foreign Ministry official described Hussein's dissolution of the lower Parliament, as a "penal" step that leaves most Jordanian-West Bank ties intact. He said it would have no immediate impact on Israeli policy.

Respond

"In view of this line of thought... it becomes our duty to be part of this direction and to respond to its requirements," the king said.

Jordan last week halted its \$1.3 billion development plan for the West Bank, captured by Israel in 1967, and the king dissolved the lower house of Parliament.

The king said separation measures concerned only the West Bank and would not affect Jordan's many residents of Palestinian origin, who hold Jordanian passports.

"They are an integral part of the Jordanian state. They belong to it, they live on its land, and they participate in its life and all its activities," he said.

"Jordan is not Palestine, and the independent Palestinian state will be established on the occupied Palestinian land after its liberation. God willing."

The king said Jordan's measures were consistent with the decision of the 1974 Arab League summit in Rabat to name

DAY BY DAY

UNFORTUNATELY, citizens as well as expatriates still suffer the adverse effects of similarity in names... especially when associated with those banned from leaving the country.

In other parts of the world, passports carry the holder's mother's name which is meant to solve the issue of similarity in names.

It really is distressing for those who find themselves prevented from travelling due to bearing names similar to those banned from travel or wanted for justice.

A Kuwaiti citizen has been facing this problem for the last 20 years. On several occasions he has been taken to the police station - only to be released after the authorities discovered the only similarity was in the name.

It is a traumatic experience for a man to be hooked under such circumstances, especially during a national holiday like the Eid holidays, where he is confined to Kuwait till proven innocent.

Zahed Matar

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Rafsanjani threatened to resign

BAGHDAD, July 31, (Reuters): The official Iraqi News Agency INA said yesterday that Iranian leaders in favour of accepting a ceasefire with Iraq had faced stiff opposition from some of their colleagues.

INA quoted unnamed diplomats as saying Iran's military supreme Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, appointed on June 2, had called a meeting of senior commanders on July 14 to discuss the eight-year-old war.

Most of those at the meeting, including Defence Minister Mohammad Hossein Jalali, agreed it was impossible to continue fighting because of Iraqi

gains and sagging Iranian morale, INA said.

It quoted the diplomats as saying Rafsanjani also had a meeting that day with President Ali Khamenei, Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi and other officials, during which he said he would resign if spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini refused to end the war.

Decision

The agency said Rafsanjani had a two-hour meeting with Khomeini on July 15 in which he persuaded the reluctant spiritual leader to accept a ceasefire.

It said Khomeini's designated

successor, Ayatollah Hussein Ali Montazeri, welcomed the decision when he heard of it.

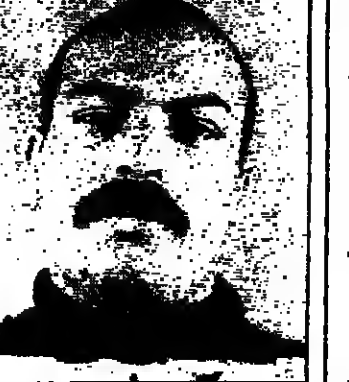
Rafsanjani called a meeting of senior government officials on July 16 where Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashemi and the commander of the Revolutionary Guards, Mohsen Rezaei, led fierce opposition to the move.

The meeting lasted until the early hours of the next day but in the end participants voted 32 to six, with three abstentions, in favour of accepting UN Security Council Resolution 598 calling for a ceasefire in the Gulf. Mohtashemi and Rezaei were among those opposed, INA said.

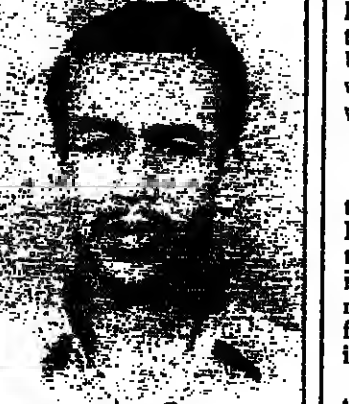
Floods kill 139

BEIJING, July 31, (Reuters): Floods in southeast China at the weekend killed 139 people and left 300 missing, the official New China News Agency said today.

The agency said heavy rains struck five counties in Zhejiang province from Friday night to Saturday morning.



Saleh Abdullah



Abdul Hamid

Saudi-US ties still strong

RIYADH, July 31, (Agencies): Saudi Arabia has denied there has been any weakening of its traditionally strong ties with the United States, and said it still wanted to buy advanced weapons from the US.

Prompted

A government statement distributed by the official Saudi Press Agency late yesterday said the reaffirmation was necessary in the wake of claims that a recent multi-billion arms purchase from Britain indicated a weakening of ties with the United States.

"This necessitates clarification that such matters cannot affect, from near or far, the firm-

ness of relations between the two countries whose roots have gone deep over half a century," said the statement by a government spokesman.

The statement also said that the blocking by the US Congress of Saudi arms purchases was prompted "not as much by hostility as by submission to pressures as by well known and which have harmed American economic interests."

The kingdom said it was still interested in buying warplanes and other "developed defensive" arms from American factories on the basis of "full conviction" on the part of the United States "of Saudi Arabia's peaceful intentions and our continuous efforts to bring peace and stability to the region."

The value of the deal with Britain, the second in less than three years, has not been disclosed officially, but press reports say it is as high as \$30 billion. This would indicate that the United States has been supplanted for the first time as the kingdom's main arms supplier.

Saudi Arabia's efforts to buy US arms have been held up by a pro-Israeli lobby in Congress which argues the weapons could eventually be used against Israel, although diplomats say the kingdom is concerned mainly about a threat from Iran.

Experts listen to Airbus tape

NICOSIA, July 31, (AP): Aviation experts today listened to cockpit-to-ground conversation taped minutes before a US warship shot down an Iranian jetliner, killing 290 people.

The experts from the International Civil Aviation Organisation, who are in Iran to investigate the shooting down of the Iran Air jet, also visited a civil aviation control centre.

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, said Iranian officials presented "necessary documents" to the team, which is investigating at the request of Iran.

INTERNATIONAL

Deadline set for reform programme

EEC integration worries Gorbachev

MOSCOW, July 31. (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has expressed concern that European integration of economic and military programmes could hurt progress in disarmament, the official Tass news agency reported today.

Tass said Gorbachev aired his view yesterday, during a meeting with West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher, whose agenda in Moscow included consultations on planned summit conferences between the Soviet leader and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Genscher told reporters that he and Gorbachev had talked about international political issues, including East-West negotiations on arms control, and bilateral West German-Soviet affairs.

The European Economic Community (EEC) plans to introduce a single economic market by 1992 inside the borders of its 12 member nations, one of which is West Germany.

Genscher, at a news conference yesterday, denied European integration posed a threat to détente. "There will certainly be no room for a policy of confrontation in a negative way," he said.

He complimented what he termed Soviet efforts to clinch additional arms reductions following the December INF treaty with the United States that bans intermediate-range nuclear missile forces.

Assurances
"The Soviet Union is seriously, fundamentally trying to improve East-West relations," Genscher said. "It intends to have the INF agreement followed by other effective arms agreements."

Genscher said he had sought assurances from Gorbachev that new policies of ethnic minorities will safeguard the rights of Soviets of German origin.

Germans residing in the Soviet Union should have a chance to maintain their traditions, language, and also be in a position to worship," Hans-Dietrich Genscher told a news conference.

The Foreign Minister said a standing Soviet-West German humanitarian affairs commission would be instructed to study the effect on the nearly two million Soviets of German stock of Kremlin guidelines issued this month on relations among the country's more than 100 ethnic groups.

Visit
Genscher spoke at the end of a three-day visit that included a two-hour meeting with Gorbachev, the Communist Party chief, and talks with Foreign Minister Eduard A. Shevardnadze.

Kohl plans to visit Moscow this fall, and for a return trip by Gorbachev to Bonn in the first half of 1989 is tentatively scheduled.

Deadlines
The Soviet news agency Tass said Genscher and Shevardnadze agreed during their talks yesterday that the summit meetings will be "a weighty manifestation" of better relations between their countries.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party, in resolutions released yesterday, set deadlines stretching to the end of next year for overhauling itself, the Soviet government and the judiciary to accelerate Gorbachev's wide-ranging reform programme.

The resolutions touch generally on the key issues the 57-year-old Soviet leader addressed in a speech opening a one-day plenary meeting of the 300-plus member party central committee. But they leave many of the details to party committees and legislative bodies.

The resolutions, released a day after the meeting by the official news agency Tass, commit the party and government apparatus to the specific timetable an impatient Gorbachev had sought.

"I want to repeat again and again, comrades, that the time of vigorous action has come and we must not tarry," Gorbachev told central committee members.

The most immediate deadline is October, when a draft law on amendments to the Soviet constitution and on multi-candidate elections of legislators is to be finished. The Soviet parliament, or Supreme Soviet, will then review the proposals.

Latest incident on the Green Line
Greek-Cypriot soldier shot

NICOSIA, July 31. (Reuters): A Greek-Cypriot National Guard soldier was shot and wounded near Nicosia today when he entered the Green Line buffer zone separating the island's deeply divided communities.

The Greek-Cypriot National Guard said in a statement Evagoras Evagorou, 19, was shot in the chest by a Turkish soldier but Turkish-Cypriot officials said one of their soldiers was responsible.

The officials, quoted by the semi-official Tass news agency, said the guardman, dressed in civilian clothes, was shot after he violated the buffer zone. He ignored an earlier warning shot, the officials said.

The Greek-Cypriot statement said a Turkish soldier shot Evagorou when the guardman, who had just spoken with the soldier, entered the neutral zone to meet him.

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A Turkish military spokesman in Ankara said he had no knowledge of a Turkish soldier being involved in the incident.

Evagorou was shot in an area where tension has run high since a row between the two communities a year ago about the placing of a Turkish flag.

Latest
It was the latest in a series of incidents on the Green Line since May when the Austrian UN troops shot dead a Turkish-Cypriot. Two Austrian soldiers were wounded.

A week later, Greek-Cypriot police shot dead a Turkish soldier who killed a Greek-Cypriot guardman called to investigate a reported rape attempt.

Earlier this month the Cyprus government deported a Turkish soldier arrested in the buffer zone.

Cyprus has been split since 1974, when Turkish troops occupied its northern third after a short-lived coup in Nicosia engineered by the military government in Athens.

Turkish-Cypriots unilaterally declared independence in 1983 but their state is recognised only by Turkey.

The buffer zone winds through the walled city, with Turkish and Greek-Cypriot fortified sandbag positions separated in some places only by the width of a narrow street. Troops on either side on guard duty round the clock frequently engage in conversation to while away the time.

Pier collapse kills 30 in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31. (AP): Thousands of stunned passengers watched in horror today as a ferry pier collapsed at a city on the northwest coast of Malaysia, killing at least 30 people and injuring more than 150, the national news agency Bernama reported.

The pier, on which thousands of people were waiting a ferry to Penang Island from Butterworth, about 300 kilometres northwest of here, collapsed, Bernama said.

Penang Island is about five kilometres of Butterworth in the Strait of Malacca. Passengers ferried between the two by motor ferries.

Firemen and Penang port commission workers were clearing the debris late today looking for more bodies, Bernama said, adding that the death toll could rise.

A stream of cars, motorcycles, taxis and vans carried the injured to the district hospital in Butterworth and private clinics, it said.

US military using faulty hardware

WASHINGTON, July 31. (UPI): America has been flooded by faulty foreign-made nuts, bolts, screws and washers that have caused 61 aviation accidents in three years and are installed in nuclear plants, Navy ships and the space shuttle, a congressional report said.

Most of the defective fasteners come from Japan, Mexico, Spain, Korea, Taiwan and Poland, said the 152-page report by the House energy and commerce committee's subcommittee on oversight and investigations.

The report said foreign producers charge high prices for top-quality fasteners but supply the United States cheap imitations that bear bogus manufacturing markings to make them appear authentic.

Some companies even supply fake laboratory reports to customers questioning the quality of goods, said the report, the results of a two-year investigation.

Deaths
"Several deaths have already been attributed to substandard fasteners," the report said. "As regretful as this is, the subcommittee is convinced that it is only a matter of time before a major tragedy strikes unless vigorous and effective efforts are made to improve fastener quality."

More than seven billion bolts and large screws are used every year in the United States, about 1.5 billion of them a top-quality variety used for crucial functions in bridges, ships, planes, helicopters and major construction projects, the report said.

The Defence Department still does not know where, or how many, bogus fasteners are on military bases, the report said.

Accidents
"We fear there are still some very unpleasant surprises waiting in the shadows," it said.

"The millions and perhaps billions of substandard fasteners used by our military and sensitive industries make it a wonder that we have not had a major catastrophe," said Rep. John Dingell, Democrat-Michigan, the panel chairman.

Dingell and 50 other House members introduced a bill two weeks ago to require fastening devices in "critical use" functions to be tested by qualified laboratories.

The subcommittee report quoted information from the National Transportation Safety Board that 61 general aviation accidents during the past three years involved fastener failures, resulting in several deaths.

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Armenian dissident Parury Airikyan is welcomed at Flumicnao airport by cousin Sylvia upon his arrival from Addis Ababa. (Reuter wirephoto)

Gorbachev also 'reforms' furniture

MOSCOW, July 31. (Reuters): Reforming Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has also changed the Kremlin furniture — at least in the room where he receives foreign statesmen.

West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher found a small oval table had replaced the traditional imposing long conference table when he called in for talks on Saturday.

Under the new arrangements, shown on Moscow Television, the table is in a window corner in the Kremlin government offices instead of in the centre.

It seats eight or 10 and is a mere 1.5 metres wide at the centre. Around it, old-fashioned hard chairs have been replaced by modern softer brown-leather ones.

In another corner, also by the window, is a polished dark-wood desk used by Gorbachev apparently when working alone preparing for meetings.

As General Secretary of the Communist Party, he also has an office in the headquarters of the central committee, some five minutes' drive from the Kremlin.

Expelled Armenian arrives in Rome

ROME, July 31. (UPI): Armenian dissident Parury Airikyan arrived in Rome last night to complete immigration proceedings before moving to the United States as a political exile, officials said.

"I and my organisation are fighting for the sovereignty of the government of Armenia as well as for human rights," Airikyan said. "There are at least another 10,000 people in Armenia who are working for its independence."

The Soviet dissident was met at the airport by his cousin Sylvia Airikyan, who had flown in specially from Paris where she has been living for the last three years.

Airikyan thanked the United States for the speed with which it had responded to his case.

Expulsion
Airikyan was stripped of his citizenship and expelled against his will from the Soviet Union last week for "anti-Soviet activity" after a wave of strikes, demonstrations and unrest in the Armenian Republic.

Airikyan's exact intentions are not known but he may stay for some time in an immigration processing centre in Italy before flying on to the United States. He said he hoped his wife and three children — still in Armenia — will be allowed to join him there.

The Armenian was flown to Addis Ababa by Soviet officials a week ago and met officials of the US Embassy to request political asylum, which they said would be granted quickly.

The Ethiopian authorities have not commented on the matter and neither they nor Soviet diplomats appear to have attempted to hinder Airikyan's departure to the West.

Settlement
It was not immediately clear where in the United States the Armenian leader might settle. He is reported to have an uncle in Los Angeles.

Airikyan is one of the most influential Armenian nationalist leaders seeking the inclusion of the Armenian-dominated enclave of Nagorno Karabakh in the Soviet Armenian Republic.

He has been arrested on several occasions in the past and accused of "anti-Soviet" activities.

His expulsion followed a series of strikes and demonstrations in the past few months by Armenians seeking secession from the republic of Azerbaijan, which administers Nagorno-Karabakh.

Shultz's tour
The moves stirred wide international criticism and calls in Washington for renewed aid to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels, which was cut off in February. But Congress has so far resisted further military aid, preferring diplomatic pressure.

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The Central American foreign ministers were due to gather here on Sunday for preliminary meetings.

A US administration official, who insisted on anonymity, suggested that a consensus on a common policy toward Nicaragua had been difficult to reach.

A fragile ceasefire remains in place in Nicaragua but there has been no progress on a final settlement between the Sandinistas and the Contra rebels. The impasse has produced calls by conservative members of Congress for a renewal of military aid to the rebels.

Resisted
Since Shultz last visit to Central America a month ago, the Sandinistas have expelled the US ambassador and seven other US diplomats and cracked down on internal opposition.

Diplomatic offensive against Nicaragua

Shultz visits Central America

GUATEMALA CITY, July 31. (Reuters): US Secretary of state George Shultz arrives in Guatemala tomorrow to try to launch a Central American diplomatic offensive against Nicaragua, but the Sandinistas are already branding the meeting a failure.

Shultz meets the foreign ministers of Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador and Costa Rica for one day of talks to seek a consensus on how to press Nicaragua to comply with a regional peace plan.

"I could already describe it (tomorrow's meeting) as a failure," Nicaraguan Vice-President Sergio Ramirez said on Friday. Nicaragua has not been invited to tomorrow's talks.

Shultz's trip, which will also take him to South America, is due to last until August 11 and is part of Washington's efforts to reassure Latin Americans of continued US interest in their problems including debt, peace, drugs and trade.

But while Shultz wants to reassert solidarity with Washington's four Central American allies in the final months of President Reagan's term of office, any agreements on how to

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A fragile ceasefire remains in place in Nicaragua but there has been no progress on a final settlement between the Sandinistas and the Contra rebels. The impasse has produced calls by conservative members of Congress for a renewal of military aid to the rebels.

Resisted
Since Shultz last visit to Central America a month ago, the Sandinistas have expelled the US ambassador and seven other US diplomats and cracked down on internal opposition.

Soviets planning a Disneyland

MOSCOW, July 31. (UPI): Soviet planner revealed designs for a Russian Disneyland that will include an underwater restaurant, submarine rides under the Moscow River and a monorail to whizz guests around the amusement park.

An article in the Moskovsky Komsomolets newspaper said that they hope work on the "land of miracles," the name of the centre, can start in this summer to be completed in about nine years in 1997.

Site
The article frankly acknowledged that the park would be modeled on Disneyland that opened in 1954 and that has found imitators in 17 countries, but equally important it stated that no new parks had been built in Moscow since the 1930s.

"There is simply no place for people to go," the article said. "The children's parks built in the 1930s with the poor attractions are no longer satisfactory, and they no longer satisfy the Muscovites," it said.

To fill the gap and pull even with the rest of the world in entertainment, the Soviet planners have picked out a 900-acre (350-hectare) site in Fili-Kuntsevo in the centre of Moscow on a high hill overlooking the Moscow River.

"No other park in the world offers such a landscape," the article enthused, noting that the site is on a high hill overlooking the Moscow River and that the designers plan to site a restaurant on the bluff.

Below, designs in the newspaper showed, the magical kingdom unfolding including what is called "a magic city" and a fanciful section that duplicates the locales of Russian fables with the wooden tent roofs structures of the Russian countryside.

A monorail travelling at 168 miles an hour (280 km an hour) will whizz visitors around the park, which the architects said must entice adults' imagination as well as children — the secret, the article said, on Disneyland's success.

The park will not also the fairyland castles but a "city of time mirages" section, in which one city when looked at from different sections will one time resemble a Kitezh-grad (a Russian fairy tale locale), another time a medieval castle, and on a third look, an Asian city.

In the river of the park, there will be exhibits of underwater sea monsters, and wild underwater plants, plus a restaurant beneath the depths and a submarine to take visitors around.

As in any Soviet project, designs have to be first submitted, then they are judged and the final project then put on the drawing board for execution. But the article showed an acquaintance with the general plan, and included sketches.

They showed the monorail cruising above the park, visitors sort of skateboard along banked causeways on special devices, alongside a long walkway under the monorail. The major landmark beside the monorail was a huge space needle type tower.

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Lieut. Gen. P.S. Bogdanov, chief of Moscow's administration of internal affairs, also said youth crime was alarmingly on the increase, including incident of robbery and rape, although crime overall had decreased.

US-Iran contacts in third party stage

WASHINGTON, July 31. (Reuters): Secretary of State George Shultz said today low-level diplomatic contacts had been made between the United States and Iran through third-party nations aimed at improving strained relations.

But he also said there had been no direct talks about a deal involving freedom for American hostages in Lebanon and an unfreezing of Iranian assets held by the United States.

Shultz, in a television interview, was asked about a report that the United States was negotiating, either directly or indirectly, for the release of the nine American hostages in return for freeing up the Iranian assets and normalising relations between the two countries.

"As far as any direct discussions with Iran are concerned there aren't any. We have representative countries, our so-called protective power, which delivers messages on our behalf from time to time and Iran does the same," Shultz said.

Shultz said these contacts were constant but he still wanted a legitimate representative of the Iranian government to come forward for direct discussions.

He said he would be willing to meet Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, who is in New York for UN-mediated talks aimed at achieving a ceasefire in the Gulf war.

"I don't know if it's necessary the right way, to have the foreign ministers meet, but anyway, we have stated our policy. He certainly is an authoritative person," Shultz said.

Pigs' organs for humans
LONDON, July 31. (Reuters): A chance laboratory discovery means that British doctors could transplant pigs' hearts and kidneys into humans, a leading surgeon said yesterday.

Transplant surgeon Michael Bewick said the plan could save thousands of people who were dying because of a severe shortage of human donor organs.

Bewick said a first step would be to transplant organs from animals, such as pigs, into sheep and then, if that succeeded, into human patients.

"If the animal work went brilliantly well, we could theoretically do a human transplant next year," he said. "but it is more likely to be in two or three years."

The work is being done at the renal unit at Dulwich Hospital in south London, where Bewick and his team have carried out transplants over the past 20 years.

NEWS IN BRIEF

River accidents
DHAKA, July 31. (Reuters): Thirteen people are missing presumed drowned, after two boating accidents on flood-ravaged Bangladesh rivers yesterday police said.

Eight died when a motor boat carrying about 50 people sank crossing the Padma River north of Dhaka. In northern Rangpur district five drowned when a boat ferrying them across the Jamuna river was caught in a whirlpool and capsized.

Punjab violence
CHANDIGARH, July 31. (Reuters): Sikh extremists hacked a woman to death and shot dead six men in Punjab over the past 24 hours, and an eighth victim died of bullet wounds suffered earlier, police said today.

In Amritsar district last night extremists stabbed to death Ranjit Kaur in Amarkot village and shot dead three men in nearby Jandiala area, they said.

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Monsoon brings life and death to India

NEW DELHI, July 31, (AP): In the dusty days of Delhi's summer, when temperatures linger for days at 42 or 43 degrees Celsius (108 or 109 degrees Fahrenheit), the vision that sustains people is the cool rain of the monsoon.

"In the West, the rains are depressing. In India they are a time of great joy, release, beauty and romance," says Khushwant Singh, a noted Indian author and journalist. As the rains come, dust settles. Parched gardens, brown from lack of water, miraculously turn lush green. Temperatures and tempers come soothingly down.

But the monsoon is not joy unbridled. For the downpour that renews the parched land of India brings disaster, too. The rains that started early this month ended two years of drought in north India, promising good crops at last. But they also unleashed floods that left scores of people dead.

For the city dweller in the Indian capital, the downpour broke the stifling heat but brought annoyance and travail, as well.

Normally recalcitrant phones refused to work at all. Potholes reached epidemic proportions. Disease became a danger as tainted water seeped into pipes and wells.

At the first delicious moment of the monsoon, though, the nourishing rain kept such troubles distant.

"The monsoon... for most Indians is not only the source of life, but also their most exciting contact with nature," says Khushwant Singh.



A bicyclist tries a novel way of keeping himself dry by covering up with a plastic sheet during a monsoon downpour in the Indian capital of New Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto).

Sinhalese continue pact protest

Two more killed in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, July 31, (Reuter): Two prisoners were killed in prison clashes linked to continuing protests by Sinhalese extremists against a Sri Lankan-Indian peace pact designed to settle a Tamil separatist war, police said today.

Twelve people were also wounded at Negombo prison outside Colombo on Saturday after suspected members of the Marxist People's Liberation Front asked other prisoners to help hoist black flags and demonstrate against the pact.

One of the dead men was reported to be a front member. In the 48 hours up to Saturday, at least 18 other people, most of them front members, had been killed in protests around the island on the first anniversary of the pact.

The front called a general

strike across Sri Lanka on Friday and Saturday and most people stayed indoors and shops and offices closed in response to the call. The front had threatened to kill violators.

A two-day curfew in the southern province, lifted this morning, would be re-imposed as a precautionary measure after a 13-hour break, officials said.

Residents in the southern Tangalle district said three unidentified bodies were seen burning in a town playground this morning. "There were sporadic bomb explosions last night. Although the curfew was lifted, most shops remained closed and few people ventured out into the streets," one resident said.

Few incidents were reported in the north and east where the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam also called for a

two-day protest against the accord.

Residents in Vavuniya said fighting between Tiger rebels and some of the 52,000 Indian troops trying to enforce the pact had been reported on Saturday from nearby Mullaitivu and Kilinochchi districts but had no details.

A Colombo newspaper reported that President Junius Jayewardene had decided not to contest presidential elections due in December this year or January 1989.

The weekend newspaper quoted unnamed government sources for the story but the 51-year-old President and ruling party officials were not available for comment.

Jayewardene said on state television last week that he was undecided on whether to stand or not.

Chinese reformists seek protection

BEIJING, July 31, (Reuter): China's embattled entrepreneurs have pleaded for better protection after one of them was murdered by an angry worker who was "the press revealed today, in police custody just before committing the crime."

Wang Shuang, widely praised as a model reformist hotel manager, was murdered in her office in Shenyang, north-east China, on Tuesday with a kitchen knife by Li Dan, enraged that she did not immediately agree to his request for a job change.

The Guangming daily today revealed that Li, sentenced to death on Saturday at a public trial before 700 people that was carried on state television "evening news, was in police custody just before committing the crime."

Release

It said Li, a 23-year-old leader, went to Wang's office three times on Tuesday afternoon. On the first occasion, seeing that he was drunk, Wang told him to come back and discuss his request for a job change after he had sobered up.

Two hours later, he returned, brandishing a knife, but was held back by bystanders who handed him over to police who charged him with threatening the security

of another person, which allowed them to detain him for 10 days.

When Li asked to return to the hotel on the pretext of preparing material for an appeal against the charge, police let him go. He took a kitchen knife from the hotel canteen and went back to Wang's office, stabbing her nine times in the head.

In an editorial on the case, the People's Daily today voiced rare public criticism of the police. "Police bear the major responsibility for protecting the lives of entrepreneurs. This tragedy reveals a concern that some policemen lowered their guard," it said.

It said the case had aroused nationwide indignation, a call for strict punishment for the murderer and for protection for the legal rights and personal security of entrepreneurs.

"Protecting entrepreneurs is to protect the reforms," it said. "Our security is not guaranteed," officials of the Chinese Entrepreneurs Association told today's Economic Daily.

"As the reforms deepen, we entrepreneurs are the focus of all kinds of conflict. We face every kind of obstacle, illegal slanders, threats and injury," the unnamed officials said.

Singapore opposition urged to take part in polls

SINGAPORE, July 31, (UPI): A high-ranking official today encouraged "honest" critics of the government to seek official endorsement of the hope that at least a half dozen opposition candidates will join Parliament in elections scheduled for later this year.

The comments by S. Rajaratnam, a senior aide to Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, marked the first time that a government official has urged opposition forces to field candidates for the voting.

"This should be good for Singapore, the government official told a news conference. "I hope there will be a minimum of five to six good, intelligent opposition members in Parliament later this year. But they must be capable Singaporeans who are honest."

Monopoly

Lee has drawn strong criticism from opponents who claim that he has suppressed dissent in a bid to establish absolute rule in the former British colony.

A number of attorneys, social workers and other professionals have been branded as Marxist conspirators and imprisoned in recent months.

Lee's ruling People's Action Party has held a virtual monopoly in Parliament since 1972 and

won all but two of the legislature's 79 seats in 1984 elections, though its share of the popular vote dropped to 63 per cent from 75 per cent in 1980.

Government officials have explained the approximation of single-party rule by saying that opposition candidates are ill prepared for office.

The government has not set a date for elections required to be held by the end of the year, and Rajaratnam — a former foreign minister and deputy prime minister — do not say when the voting would take place. But he urged "capable Singaporeans," even those who disagree with Lee's policies, to step forward.

Francis Seow, a former solicitor-general and now a prominent attorney, was briefly imprisoned earlier this year and accused of collaborating with USD embassy officials to stir up anti-government sentiment by encouraging disgruntled professionals to seek office.

Seow has said since his release that he will run for Parliament as an opposition candidate.

"The imprisonment of Seow has been a total abuse of power by the government," said Chiam See Tong, an opposition Member of Parliament and secretary-general of the Singapore Democratic Party.

Bangladeshi tribesmen return home

DHAKA, July 31, (Reuter): About 1,500 tribespeople who fled to India to escape fighting between troops and separatist rebels in southern Bangladesh returned home in the past two weeks, officials said today.

Thousands more facing hunger and disease were expected to come back soon, officials said. They said those returning told them nearly 500 people died of diarrhoea, dysentery and malnutrition in camps in Tripura state during the past year.

Bangladesh says nearly 30,000 tribespeople have fled their homes in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, scene of a 15-year separatist insurgency by the Shanti Bahini.

The Shantis, mostly Chakma tribesmen, took up arms in 1973 after the government rejected autonomy for the 5,500 square mile tracts bordering India and Burma. They also want expulsion of 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers.

Official figures show more than 1,500 rebels, soldiers and civilians have been killed in the sporadic bush war, which Dhaka says is backed by India. New Delhi denies the charge.

A Foreign Ministry official said refugees expressed a desire to come home when Bangladeshis delegation visited some Tripura camps early this month but the Shantis and their supporters were preventing many returning.

Politician's racist remark sparks uproar in Japan

TOKYO, July 31, (AP): A senior politician's insulting remarks about blacks in the United States have once again touched off debate over racist sentiments in this country.

Michio Watanabe, policy chief of the governing Liberal Democratic Party, suggested that US blacks frequently use credit cards but care little about paying their bills.

"Among those guys over there (US) are a lot of blacks and so on who would think without concern, 'we're bankrupt. Now we don't have to pay anything back,'" Watanabe said recently to party members.

The senior politician is widely believed to aspire to the premiership.

Watanabe made the comments at a time when Japanese advertising for consumer goods often portrays blacks only as sexy dancers and good athletes, suggesting a widespread patronising attitude.

The US embassy said it "deplored any disparaging comment that, consciously or unconsciously, uses demeaning stereotypes of any American to make a point."

Watanabe apologised, saying two days later that he regretted his "misleading and inadvertent" comments.

The Sogo department store in

Tokyo also drew fire recently for displaying men's clothing on two black mannequins in dance poses with crossed eyes and huge red lips.

"There was absolutely no intention of creating any racist display," said the store's deputy manager, Hideo Kinoshita. "To us, they were lively and energetic. We just put suits on them in what we thought was a tasteful display."

The store dismantled the mannequins after two weeks, as planned, and does not intend to put up other such displays in the near future, Kinoshita said.

Sanrio, a major gift manufacturer, had sold since 1985 a pair of black dolls named Sambo and Hanna. The company also markets Bibina, a wide-eyed black doll with a red-lipped grin.

"There were no racist sentiments behind them," said Sanrio spokesman Kazuo Tomatsu. "Our corporate policy is to promote love and friendship, but some people found these products offensive, so we have cancelled their production."

The move will cost Sanrio about \$11.5 million, Tomatsu said. Sanrio's annual sales are \$615 million.

Takara, Japan's No. 2 toymaker, also makes Dakko-chan, an inflatable black doll

with big eyes and red lips. It was Japan's top-selling toy when introduced in 1960, so Takara made it its corporate logo. Japanese still buy 100,000 of them a year.

The Japanese embassy in Washington reported receiving several phone calls of protest after photos of the mannequins and reports of Watanabe's comments were published in the United States.

Watanabe's apology was the second he made to a foreign country. In February, he told China he was sorry for saying that people in remote Shanxi province "have dug themselves into pits and are still living there."

Watanabe's gaffe recalls former Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone's remark in 1986 that the US intellectual level was low because of the large numbers of blacks, Puerto Ricans and Mexicans.

Nakasone subsequently issued an apology to the people in the US.

Earlier this year, Seisuke Okuno was fired from his cabinet post as director general of the National Land Agency for saying Japan was not an aggressor in World War II, but "fought to protect itself at a time when the white race had turned Asia into a colony."

Afghan rebels urged to hold off raids

Attacks slowing Soviet pullout

PESHAWAR, July 31, (AP): An Afghan resistance leader said that guerrilla attacks in Afghanistan are delaying the Red Army's withdrawal, and he urged the rebels to hold off on the raids and let the Soviets leave.

Radio Kabul reported that rocket attacks killed at least five people in the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad. It blamed the attacks on Muslim guerrillas.

The Saturday report, monitored in Pakistan, said 34 rockets blasted the city about 120 kilometres east of Kabul, Afghanistan's capital. It said 11 people were injured.

"If the Soviets are really withdrawing and not bringing problems and harm to the areas they are withdrawing from... they should let them go," resistance leader Burhanuddin Rabbani told the Associated Press. "I believe the Soviets should go sooner and we should not stop them."

Under terms of a UN-mediated accord signed on April 14, the Soviets began withdrawing their troops from Afghanistan in May and are to have them all out by February. The Red Army entered Afghanistan in 1979 to support the government in its war with anti-Marxist guerrillas.

Rabbani said the Soviets "hesitate" to withdraw from a post when guerrillas begin to apply pressure because they don't believe the Afghan Army can survive alone. "So they are making their withdrawal movement slower than before," he said.

Rocket attacks on the Afghan capital have prompted foreign embassies to reduce staff and encourage dependents to leave the country. In a single week in mid-July, as many as 200 rockets blasted the capital, said Western diplomats.

Britain plans to evacuate 10 of its citizens from Afghanistan this week because of fears of increased guerrilla attacks on Kabul, the Foreign Office said on Saturday.

It has advised 98 others to leave the war-torn country. That includes 45 Britons and 53 citizens of other countries which Britain represents in Afghanistan, including Australia, New Zealand and Finland.

Intense guerrilla rocket attacks on the Afghan capital last week did nothing for the defenders' morale, but the Soviet-backed government is far from beaten, say political and military analysts.

The mujahedeen guerrillas demonstrated their ability to direct heavy fire on to the city with comparative impunity. But although the mujahedeen can make life extremely unpleasant inside Kabul, they have never threatened the overall

defence of the city, say Western diplomats.

"I do not think there is any possibility of them taking the city or having any major confrontation at the moment," said one.

The strength of the attacks shows the guerrillas have made gains since the Soviet Union began withdrawing its troops on May 15.

About 170 122 mm rockets fell on Kabul last week, an assault unprecedented since 1984/85 and one of the biggest of the nine-year war.

Each of the Chinese-made rockets, according to a military expert, can flatten a typical two-storey Afghan house and badly damage a reinforced concrete building.

At the height of a barrage early last Saturday, the rebels fired salvos of eight to 12 rockets at military installations and areas where Soviet and government personnel were sleeping.

Burma keeps mum over arrest of dissidents

BANGKOK, July 31, (AP): The Rangoon government remained silent today on the fate of Burma's leading dissident and at least a dozen other people arrested in a night-time sweep that began over the weekend, Western diplomats said.

Among those rounded up were retired Brigadier Aung Gyi, the dissident, and Associated Press correspondent Sein Win, a 66-year-old veteran Burmese journalist who was jailed for three years in the 1960s for defending a free press in Burma.

The reported arrests occurred one week after Burmese strongman Ne Win resigned as chairman of the ruling party and set in motion the first major leadership changes in 26 years.

Replacing him as head of the Burma Socialist Program Party was Sein Lwin, widely regarded as a hardliner who was criticised by Aung Gyi for his involvement in a bloody suppression of student riots last March.

In Washington, US State Department spokesman Nancy Beck said American officials in Burma "understand that as many as 25 people have been arrested in the last 24 hours." She confirmed they include Aung Gyi and Sein Win.

Inquiries
Beck said US officials had no details on the arrests themselves and added, "We are making inquiries but are limited in what we can do by the fact that Sein Win is a Burmese, not a US citizen."

Sein Win, a onetime publisher of the English-language daily newspaper, the Guardian, was jailed and his newspaper nationalised. In 1963, he was awarded the Golden Pen of Freedom by the Paris-based International Federation of Journalists.

Aung Gyi, 70, had been writing a series of letters decrying economic and political decay in Burma. He targeted Sein Lwin for special censure and several analysts had predicted Aung Gyi would be silenced.

Aung Gyi, who fought with Ne Win against the Japanese in World War II, was once regarded the leader's possible successor.

Chinese abandon girls

BEIJING, July 31, (Reuter): The number of babies being abandoned in Beijing, most of them girls or handicapped, is increasing, a newspaper said today.

China Youth News, "unfortunate crime against the innocent," said 18 babies had been left at Beijing railway station in the first five months of this year, against 38 in all of last year and 19 in 1986 and 14 in 1985.

Babies, ranging in age from several days to five years, have also been abandoned at Peking hospitals and even on the street and the number is going up, it said.

Most were girls or handicapped with a congenital defect such as being blind, deaf or dumb, it said.

It blamed the phenomenon on broken families, prejudice in remote areas against girls, marriages between relatives that led to offspring with congenital disorders and babies being born out of wedlock.

The newspaper said it cost the state more than 2,000 yuan (\$540) a year to support each baby.

Such abandonment was common in pre-1949 China but that it should still be widespread today, with culture and society so developed, must lead to serious social concern, it added.

Soldiers raid rebel hideouts

Filipino troops seize weapons

MANILA, July 31, (Reuter): Philippine troops seized dynamite and computers in three failed raids on suspected hideouts of communist rebels and soldiers loyal to Ferdinand Marcos, the military said today.

A soldier and a civilian were killed and 15 people wounded on Thursday when a passenger jeep blew up on a land mine planted by guerrillas in southern Davao oriental province, military reports said.

Brigadier-General Rodolfo Biazon said security forces on yesterday confiscated 360 sticks of dynamite, a machine gun, boxes of ammunition and detonating devices from a warehouse suspected to be used by troops

loyal to Marcos.

The military has linked pro-Marcos soldiers to three of five failed coup attempts against President Corason Aquino. "This can kill a lot of people," the chief of the Manila area command said after the raid on the building in outlying Calocan.

On Friday, troops seized home-made bombs and detained eight people in a raid on another supposed "loyalist" hideout in the area. Four of the eight were released after questioning.

Computers
In Dagupan, 170 km north of Manila, soldiers on Saturday raided an abandoned communist hideout and seized two computers and other equipment, the

military said.

Presidential spokesman Teodoro Benigno today denied a charge by US Senator Robert Dole that Manila was playing a game of "bribe-manship and bluff" in the stalled negotiations on the future of American military bases in the country.

"There is no bluff, there is no bluster. We are seriously negotiating and... the government position is backed by a solid majority of our people," Benigno said.

Bishop Francisco Claver, head of the Social Action Office of the country's Roman Catholic Church, said today that church leaders would be willing to mediate in peace talks.

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Sacrificial meat distributed

JEDDAH, July 31, (KUNA): Two planes of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) left here yesterday for Peshawar, carrying 46 tons of sacrificial meat, the Saudi Press Agency reported.

On the other hand, four refrigerated trucks left by land route to Syria, carrying sacrificial meat of 2,400 sheep.

Three other refrigerated trucks left by land for Jordan, carrying sacrificial meat of 800 sheep.

So far, 54 refrigerated trucks had left for Syria and Jordan while 18 planes had left for Sudan, Chad and Pakistan under a project that makes use of the pilgrims' sacrificial meat to benefit needy Muslims.

The project which started a few years ago stipulates collecting sheep sacrificed by pilgrims, as one of the haj (pilgrimage) rituals, and distributing their meat to mainly Muslim refugees in various countries.

Sheikh Khalifa is better

MANAMA, July 31, (KUNA): The Amir of Bahrain Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa today received a phone call from HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed, who inquired about the health of Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman, Radio Muscat reported.

Sheikh Issa told the Amir of Kuwait that Sheikh Khalifa, who underwent a surgery in a Riyadh hospital, is in satisfactory condition.

Haj medical team returns

THE Kuwaiti haj medical mission returned home yesterday from Saudi Arabia. The team was headed by Minister of Planning and acting Health Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi and senior officials of the Ministries of Awkaf and Islamic Affairs and Social Affairs and Labour.

The team, comprising 97 people including 12 doctors and 12 nurses, was headed by Assistant Undersecretary of Health for Drugs and Medical Supplies Ibrahim Al Mubdraf.

Al Mubdraf praised the efforts of Saudi Arabia for ensuring the safety of the pilgrims. He added that haj this year was free from any epidemic diseases.

Power failure

A TECHNICAL failure in a high-voltage line feeding the main power station in Shuaiba led to a two-hour power failure in nearby areas of Sabahiyeh, Mina Abdulla, Wafra and Al Zour port yesterday.

The Electricity and Water Ministry said that immediate steps were taken to repair and electricity was restored by noon to the affected areas.

Cabinet discusses Arab developments

FOLLOWING yesterday's weekly cabinet session, Kuwait's Minister of State for Housing Affairs and Acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Nasser Abdallah Al Roudhan stated that the Council of Ministers discussed important developments on the Arab and international levels.

At the outset of the cabinet meeting, chaired by acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, the Council took note of messages exchanged between HH the Amir of Kuwait and Tunisia's President Zine Al Abidine Bin Ali which dealt with issue of common concern and further strengthening of bilateral ties.

The cabinet also took note of the message sent by HH the Amir to Pakistan's President General Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq which tackled Kuwaiti-Pakistani relations and means of boosting them in addition to matters of bilateral concern.

Moreover, the cabinet listened to a report by Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Ahihi

explaining developments in the international oil market and the extent of commitment by OPEC members to their production quotas.

In this regard, Sheikh Ali informed the Council of the forthcoming meeting of OPEC's price monitoring committee, due to take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, during the first week of August with the aim of stabilising markets and defending oil prices until the end of this year.

Repaired
A report dealing with the technical fault in one of the high pressure cables that feeds Shuaiba's main power station on Saturday resulting in power failure in some areas, was submitted by Electricity and Water Minister. Al Roudhan stated indicating that the defect was repaired and power restored shortly to all affected areas.

A number of draft laws and local issues were examined by the cabinet which accordingly took necessary decisions, the acting Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs concluded.

Fishing prohibited in certain areas

Shortage of fish in the market

THE Kuwaiti Fishermen Union is the only party authorised by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour to look after the interests of the fishing profession in the country.

On the other hand, the Fish Wealth Department at the agriculture authority is officially authorised to contact fishermen through their union to resolve their problems and follow up their requirements.

Familiarise
To familiarise themselves with fishermen's problems and residents' views on the fish scene in Kuwait, a local daily interviewed the head of the fishermen's union Khalil Bu Rashid and a number of fishermen and auctioneers.

Bu Rashid said that no fisherman has the right to renew his fishing permit unless he is a member of the Kuwaiti Fishermen Union.

He added that limiting the fishing areas due to the current activities in the region namely the Iraqi-Iranian war resulted in shortage of fish and underutilisation of their fleets.

Additionally, some species of fish had completely disappeared as they were only available in prohibited areas.

Bu Rashid cited union members must have a Kuwaiti citizenship and have a fishing permit issued by the Fish Wealth Department, including licences for labourers.

Boats

An amount of KD100 paid once for membership is essential with 50 fish on each fool off fishing boat. Kuwait has 600 fishing boats and 250 launches and union members number 400 he said.

The union official disclosed that the current fish market will be transferred to its new location in Shuaiba near the Ramada Al Salam. Presently, a new union headquarters is being built on a 1,050-square metres area.

He said six to 10 tons of fish are sold daily and most fishermen sell their catch at the souq in Shuaiba. He added that co-operative societies and remote

areas purchase their fish from this source too.

The daily interviewed Husain Ahmad Rajab who owns an auction office. He said that each office has five employees and the market has three auction offices which are responsible for auctioning fish. Eight per cent of total sales are taken by auction office out of which three per cent is paid to the union.

Inspect

He pointed out that three inspectors are appointed by the union to inspect the market and the freshness of the fish and imported fish is banned from entering the market he added. On pricing, he said, this varied according to the laws of supply and demand.

Mohammad Ahmad Al Sendi a resident said that the current market lacks organisation and said prices are erratic due to the absence of monitoring.

He said it is difficult for customers to recognise Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti fish and added that the current market is small and prices are high.

KUWAIT PRESS DIGEST

Premier's visit hailed

THE Daily "Al Rai Al Aam" yesterday hailed the outcome of the visit made by HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah to the US recently, indicating that the visit has further enhanced Kuwait's political image on the international front.

Sheikh Saad is due home later on Sunday from a private visit to West Germany preceded by an official visit to the US during which he met with President Ronald Reagan and other senior officials.

"HH the Crown Prince was open in outlining the Arab issues and was able to open new channels of dialogue with American personalities inside the administration, Congress and the press," it said.

It added that the US-Kuwaiti talks did a lot of good in bringing views of both sides much closer, especially those regarding peace and ending hot issues which can hinder the execution of justice.

Regarding the nearly eight-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, Sheikh Saad made it as bright as daylight for Americans, greatly deceived by Israel's "democracy," that the revolution was triggered by long years of suffering and repression.

Imports discourage local farmers

THE chairman of the Kuwaiti Farmers Union, Ghannam Al Jumhour, said there is a noticeable development in productivity during the last few years despite some obstacles.

However, he said that Kuwaiti farmer's efforts are wasted due to foreign and Arab agricultural imports which tend to reduce prices of local products sharply.

Memorandum

The chairman disclosed that they had met with HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister who asked for a memorandum of demands from the farmers.

Members of the union met with officials of Kuwait Municipality to permit Kuwaiti farmers to sell their produce at public places and called for suitable places to be provided to farmers to market their products at the vegetable markets, he said.

Further, farmers should be permitted to market their products in co-operative societies and on vehicles at public roads as in other countries.

The demands are being referred to the technical committee of the Municipality, he added.

He pointed out that HH the Amir had expressed a desire that Kuwaiti farmers plant wheat and some farmers had conducted successful experiments. But, some local companies had announced low prices for wheat in the local market - KD40 for each ton of wheat which did not cover the price of cultivation.

Al Jumhour cited the example of Saudi Arabia who subsidised farmers producing wheat, which contributed to its being a wheat exporting country.

He recommended that the authorities purchase local products of wheat by paying reasonable prices to encourage farmers.

Somali message for Khalifa

DOHA, July 31, (KUNA): The Amir of Qatar Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani today received a message from the Somali President, Mohammed Siyad Barre, Qatar News Agency reported.

The message was delivered by the Somali Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mohammed Ali Hamed, during a meeting with Sheikh Khalifa.

The message deals with the situation in the Horn of Africa, and recent Arab developments.

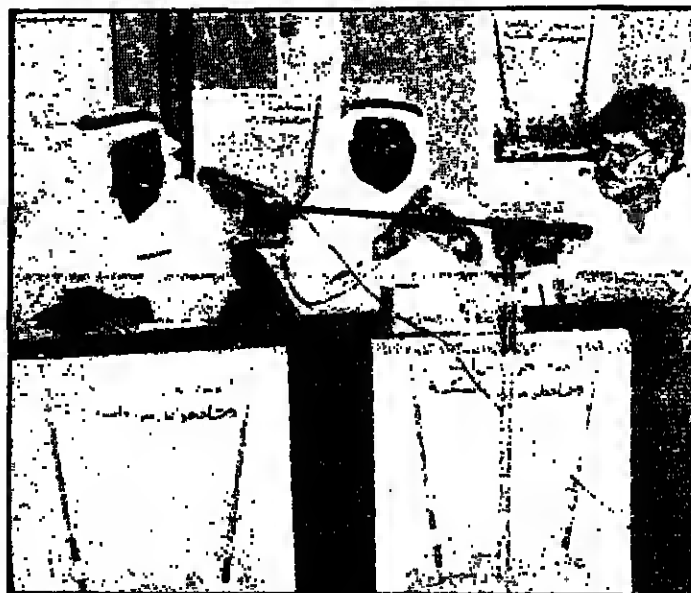
Hamed, who is touring the region, arrived here earlier today from Muscat.

Symposiums on marine life

TWO symposiums have been held at the Environment Protection Council centre, in which lecturers tackled issues concerning the protection of Kuwaiti marine life and beaches from pollution.

The first session was opened by Walid Al Shublaq, from Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR), Eidun Al Qallaf, the head of the work team of the environment awareness committee and engineer Mahdi Bebehani. It dealt with Kuwait marine life during the movements of the tides and called for moderate fishing. Also discussed were the causes of pollution and its effects on the environment.

The second session looked at the issue of engine oil changing on boats out at sea.



The lecturers at the symposiums.

1,017 staying in houses for handicapped

A LOCAL daily reported that there were 1,017 residents at the handicapped houses till the first quarter of this year.

These individuals were distributed at welfare houses for the elderly, welfare houses for the retarded and vocational qualification centres.

The daily added that the elderly welfare house hosted 106 inmates with 47 males and 59 females in addition to 47 cases receiving care at their respective homes comprising 11 males and 36 females.

The houses for the retarded coordinated the cases of 402 individuals ranging from ages between four years to 40 years, while the handicapped house aided 264 individuals suffering from physical and mental problems.

Contract signed

A CONTRACT was recently signed between Kuwait's Ministry of Interior and Kuwait Public Transport Company (KPTC), whereby the company will carry out the necessary maintenance on the ministry's 3,844 vehicles.

The five-year contract was signed on behalf of the ministry by the Undersecretary Major General Yusuf Al Khoraifi and by the Chairman and Managing Director Abdul Wahab Rashed Al Haroun on behalf of the company.

Girls school to be constructed

A KD1.4 million contract to build a girls high school was signed yesterday with a local company, it was officially announced.

The announcement noted that Minister of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houli signed the one-year contract.

The school will be built in Hadiya.

Talks on implementing judicial protocol

UNDERSECRETARY of the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Nasser Al Roumi yesterday held a first round of talks with Egypt's Deputy Minister of Justice Samir Naji on implementation of the judicial protocol concluded between the two countries.

The Egyptian official, who is in charge of the National Centre for Legal Studies, arrived here on Friday on a few days visit in connection with the execution of the protocol, signed in Cairo at the end of last May by Kuwaiti Justice Minister Dhari Abdulla Al Othman.

The round of discussion dealt with training of Kuwaiti jurists in the Egyptian National Centre for Legal Studies and was attended on the home side by assistant undersecretary for administrative and financial affairs and

by co-ordinator of the training course for public prosecutors.

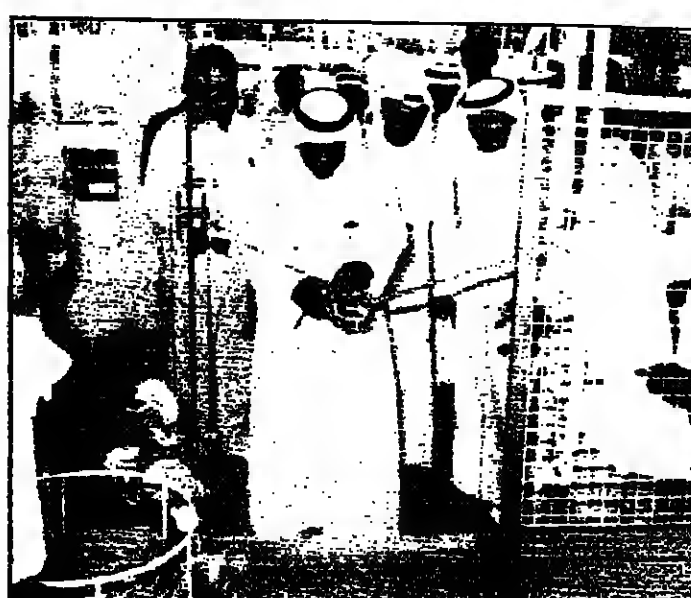
Speaking following the meeting, the visiting official expressed Egypt's readiness to offer training to any number of Kuwaiti jurists but said that Kuwait has not decided yet the number of those to be sent on training.

New nursery

ANWAR Al Nouri, the Education Minister and acting Higher Education Minister, recently approved a project to establish a nursery for the children of Education Ministry employees.

The ministry's educational research centre prepared the project for the nursery, which is designed to accommodate children between two and four years of age and which is expected to open in the next academic year.

New branch of Mothercare



Mothercare opened their latest branch on Wednesday, July 20 located at Abdullah Al Salem's Co-operative Society.

The opening ceremony was attended by Mohammed Al Roumi, president of the board of directors of Abdullah Al Salem and Al Mansouria Co-operative Societies, Mohammed Al Shaya and a large public attendance.

It will achieve population balance

Sawaber: a novel residential project

By Nashat Agha

THE National Housing Authority attaches importance to the Sawaber residential project.

It is the first of its kind meant as a residential area built by the government to encourage Kuwaiti families to live a city life.

According to an official of the NHA, it achieves balance of population between Kuwait City centre and other suburbs.

Expansion
The project is characterised by vertical expansion and is unlike other residential projects. It occupies a large area comprising of gardens, water fountains, and other facilities.

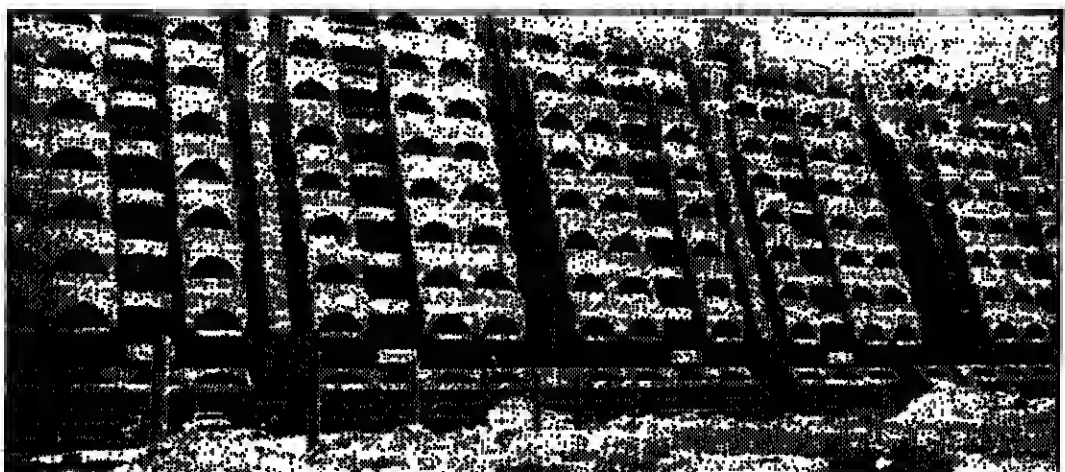
A local daily interviewed some officials who supervised the construction phase.

The Director-General of the National Housing Authority, Dr Ibrahim Majed Al Shahin, spent considerable time in preparing for this huge project. It is novel for Kuwaiti residents and a transference stage between living in government houses and plots which represents the bases for government housing programmes he said.

Despite criticisms, we feel it is still a good experiment where area is limited such as the city he added. Due consideration is given to the concept of beauty, facilities and colour scheme different from commercial buildings he disclosed.

The official said the project has small area parks exclusive to each group of buildings which isolate the complex from city noises.

Al Shahin said that the authority has started the distribution



A general view of the Sawaber project.

process of flats and the authority is currently conducting several studies on other type of housing to accomplish the even spread of the population and to better exploit land taking into consideration the Kuwaiti style of living.

The assistant engineer of the project said that it is conveniently located at the heart of Kuwait City inside the Sour area between Mubarak Al Kabir Street, Khalid Bin Al Walid Street, Ahmad Al Jaber Street and Al Helali Street. The complex has two main entrances and a total area of 24.5 hectares.

Flats
It consists of 33 buildings and other necessary services, 524 middle income flats, and four cafeterias. Each of the buildings has an area of 690 metres comprising eight floors of two flats each.

Each building is equipped with

central air-conditioning, two elevators, central arials, intercom video systems, ground level car parking lot, main stairs and emergency fire escapes.

Each flat is 225 metres and consists of a living room, dining, bathroom, reception, a master bedroom with shower, two built in closets, two children bedrooms with attached bathrooms, besides maids' living area, a kitchen, and a laundry room.

Fabricated

Each of the flats has a balcony shaded with white fibreglass units, a back balcony surrounded with engraved brick leading to the emergency stairs.

Windows and some doors are fabricated of steel and aluminium and glass, the back doors are fabricated of wood.

The complex has a total of 871 car parks including visitors park-

ings.

Public buildings are considered as a main part of the complex. There are six namely: a children kindergarten with an estimated area of 4703 metres, a boys school of 6469 metres, a girls school of 8000 metres, clinic of 2400 metres, a supermarket, a social club and a master mosque.

All buildings are equipped with air-conditioning, a fire alarm, fire-fighting systems, and car parking lots.

Storage

Taher said an advanced system was built to feed flats with water 24 hours a day through fibreglass water storage tanks on roofs.

Spare electrical generators, video-phones for security, storm prevention units, with each floor having its own trash opening leading to the main central trash storage underneath each building have been provided.

Libya mediating

ABU DHABI, July 31, (KUNA): Libya currently is mediating between an Arab country and Iran to restore severed diplomatic ties following Iran's acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 598, press reports said here today.

Daily Al Itihad quoted Arab diplomatic sources in Rabat as saying that Libya in the past few days made contacts with Tehran and an Arab capital that revealed Iran's keenness to improve relations with Arab countries that had broken relations with it.

The sources also expected that the Libyan leader Moamar Khaddafi will pay a visit to Tehran next month that will be preceded by a trip to Tripoli by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati at the conclusion of the current mission in the United Nations.

Food security

Joint projects urged

Fawzi Al Tamimi

DR MOHAMMED AL MIHANNA, the controller of the prevention and treatment services department of the animal health department of the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, has said that the authority has the ability to protect the animal wealth in the country, though the achievement of self-sufficiency would be a difficult task in view of the harsh climate and the nature of the land here.

Establishment

He added that the increased local demand for chicken could be met by the establishment of large poultry companies, but said that generally speaking, food security could be best achieved by joint projects among the GCC states, since Kuwait

would be unable to tackle the problem alone.

With specific reference to animal husbandry, Al Mihamna pointed out that government subsidies to animal farms reduced costs and that other services provided by the department resulted in increased knowledge of disease prevention and good breeding methods and the improved health of livestock.

No harm

Commenting on the effect on human health of fodder given to cattle and poultry, Al Mihamna said that no harm could be done as long as large quantities of hormones and antibiotics were not involved.

He added that fodder was checked and the health department controls the use of hormones and antibiotics in animal foodstuffs.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

By Elora Shehabuddin

SMUGGLING, police corruption, rape, blackmail, and eventually, revenge... hey, this is beginning to sound like a list of ideas for a plot; a list that is no doubt framed and adorns the wall of any 'self-respecting' scriptwriter's office. Tut tut. It is criminal to generalize. Let's just stick to *Mera Muqaddar*; its makers have followed the list to the letter.

All these issues, and more, are all touched upon in the first five minutes of the film. Crazy glue comes between the rape-revenge-corruption-smuggling-weary spectator and her seat and the sea front drive is sadly postponed.

Mera Muqaddar stars Swapna, Aruna Irani, Tanuja, Prem Chopra and the new-comer Amrit Raj. Shanti's (Irani's) brother and boyfriend get into a fight; the brother suddenly stabs himself (knife by courtesy of Prem Chopra) and the boyfriend ends up at the nastier end of a blackmail relationship.

Naturally, but naturally, he did not know Shanti was pregnant. She too leaves the town — you know how people talk — and washes up in Bombay. Her son grows up to be a squeaky-voiced Amrit Raj, a worker and bustee leader in his natural father's vast empire. Their paths cross and the old man, Malhotra, wishes he were his own son.

This particular ploy did create an aura of suspense and excitement, along the lines of "how's he going to react when he finds out the truth?" — in films made a few decades ago. Perhaps I exaggerate but there is no denying that similar scenes have been creeping in and out of countless movies recently.

Prem Chopra reappears

Better take a drive

after 20-odd years to acquaint Malhotra with the facts; he kills Aruna Irani and frames the tycoon. A few fights later, everyone is peacefully reconciled and Prem Chopra packed off to prison.

Swapna is the local harem, fully armed with false eyelashes and ultrabright lipstick. Her name comes first in the credits but her role is limited to providing the romantic interest and that's a disaster totally unparalleled in the real world. Not the romance itself, you understand, just its portrayal. Honestly, there must be more subtle and effective ways of illustrating love, even fiery desire, than have the girl jump the guy on stage, clambering and slobbering all over the place. There is also a scene — indispensable nowadays, it seems, within a muslim-thin sari drenched in the rain.

Every so often, characters mouth ostentatiously abstruse declarations — guaranteed to send one's eyes rolling heavenwards and render life miserable: loud music, a diminuendo, and "Har garceb aadmi amir banna chahte." No kidding, mister, but is there a point to the statement?

Mahaveera

Shakti Kapoor plays a "good guy" — and the violin — for a change, but one needs not fear that the transformation is complete: he confesses to the young and impressionable Amrit Raj that he was once a bood.

The "comedy" scenes convince one that one lost one's sense of humour back in kindergarten; what else would possess one to stare at the screen, face devoid of expression? The

Swapna: a limited role in *Mera Muqaddar*

drama scenes evoke a tinge of emotion when the characters don't get carried away, that is. Tanuja gives a strong performance as Mrs Malhotra and her scene with the "souten" Aruna Irani is particularly good. But then again, isn't everything relative?

Mahaveera has a star-studded cast, including the likes of Salma Agha, Raj Bahbar, Dharmendra, Dimple Kapadia, Raj Kumar, Vinod Mehra, Amita Raj, and Shatrughan Sinha.

The main theme of the story — there are so many it is impossible to keep track — is probably revenge. So what's new?

The lead female role is a far cry from that in *Mera Muqaddar*. Dimple plays Dali, a destitute village girl who joins a group of bandits with the explicit purpose of improving her present situation and taking revenge on all the evil characters in her past.

Family ties may be pointed out as another underlying theme in the film. Dali's brother Raj Bahbar is on her case. Literally, Vijay (Shatrughan Sinha) has joined the noble profession of highway bandits in order to avenge the death of his brother, Inspector Varma (Dharmendra); Raj Kumar the policeman is obsessed with finding his long-lost twin brother Raj Kumar, the bad guy.

Three important police officers in one film. One cannot help but wonder if somebody somewhere is trying to make a point. All three rank high on the integrity stakes... perhaps one of the several objectives of the film is to change the corrupt image police officers have acquired of late.

Raj Bahbar arrests his sister



Prem Chopra: reappears after 20-odd years

at their mother's funeral; the relationship between the two had not been portrayed as being particularly close so the funeral scene failed to make an impact. Babbar begs Kapadia to give herself up and accept a life of bracelets and saris; she refuses and he shoots her.

Shatrughan Sinha attempted and failed to transmit the highly charged emotion, danger and suspense of the Bonnie and Clyde partnership. On the whole, the film is not all that bad, provided one has not been subjected to movies like *Daku Hasina*, starring Zeenat Aman, and *Sherni* with Sridevi, Khoon Babas Ganga Mein starring Amrita Singh and Kaali Ganga with, again, Dimple in the title role. But if you are one of the unfortunate multitude that has, I recommend you use the strongest spirits known to science to unstuck yourself from your seat and take off for that seaside drive: the Gulf offers more variety than Dimple's entire gamut of characters and wardrobe put together.

The above films are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel. 471-2900.

Dimple Kapadia stars in *Mahaveera*.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

SOCIAL

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patisserie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 261204 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August in 5746754 after 6 pm.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abhasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradayil — 2422973.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

At the Holiday Inn Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 10 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gar-

dens.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrzad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6.30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Fairlakes restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open everyday 12.30 - 3 pm and 7.30 - 11.30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's specially-baked cheesecake are available at La Patisserie. Open daily from 10.30 am - 10.45 pm.

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

At the Hamra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

SPORTS

IVth Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open IVth Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PBAK bowling tournament

The PBAK inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PBAK director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:30 Space Adventures
10:00 News summary
10:15 Dawa Lil Huh: Arabic serial
11:00 News Summary
11:15 Ala Duniya Al Salam: local serial
12:00 News Summary
12:15 Summer Clubs
1:00 News Summary
1:05 World Today via Satellite
2:00 Variety Show
2:30 Al Sarab
3:35 Bill and Sebastian
4:00 News Magazine
4:15 Italy vs Brazil: World Cup Final 1970
6:00 Mama Anisah and Children
6:30 General information and official announcements
6:45 Variety Show
7:10 Alwan
7:50 Waqalat Al Arab
8:10 The Holy Quran and Science: prepared and presented by Dr Ahmed Shawk Ibrahim

9:00 News in Arabic
9:45 Al Husan: Arabic daily serial
10:45 The Last Night: Arabic film starring Faten Hamamah, Ahmed Mazhar, Mahmoud Mursi and Kamal Yaseen
12:15 News Summary
12:20 World Today via Satellite
12:50 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 Galtar
6:30 The Craft of the Potter: "Glaze and Fire" a look at making and modifying glazes. Certain mysteries of kilns and firing are explained.
7:00 Roving Report: weekly roundup of world news and regional events.

English

Morning
0800 Opening
0802 Songs and Music
0805 Science Journal
0830 News
0840 Songs and Music
0845 Daily Programme
0900 Songs and Music
0915 Writers and Their Works
0930 Radio Magazine Supplement
1000 Our Press Today
1005 Songs and Music
1100 Closedown
1:30 News on FM Service

Evening
2100 Opening
2102 Bits and Bytes
2130 News
2145 Point of View
2155 Songs and Music
2200 Facts About Zionism
2215 Magazine Special
2245 Daily Programme
2300 Peli Mel
2400 Closedown

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

Hayat Al Fahd, Mariam Al Ghabban and Suad Abdullah star in the local daily serial *Ala Duniya Al Salam*, on KTV 1 at 11:15 am.

7:30 The Duck Factory: the studio employees support a colleague attempting to convince his father that

he was not destined to be a dentist.

8:00 News in English

8:30 Cuba Libre: a group of men prepare to

invade Cuba but first they need to raise money for the venture.

9:30 Private Benjamin: "Judy Gets Her Gun" The recruits take part in a shooting contest, with unexpected results.

10:00 Hitchcock: "Prosecutor". An ambitious attorney tries to hoist on somebody else the blame for a crime he has committed.

10:30 The Equalizer: "Innervision" McCall and Gage help a psychic whose visions of a serial killer include her as a victim

11:30 News Summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

A scene from *Hitchcock*, on KTV2 at 10 pm.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

0000 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Radio Newswel
30 Religious Service
0100 News Summary followed by
The Idea of Europe (ca. 29th
Another Hero of Those Times)
45 Without Strings
0200 World News
09 British Press
15 Peck's Choice
30 Science in Action
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 Good Books
30 Anything Goes
0400 Newsdesk
30 Where Angels Fear to Tread

45 Reflections
50 Waveguide
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Nature Notebook
45 Recording of the Week
0600 Newsdesk
30 The Stuarts (ex 1st and 8th Film of the Book)
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 The Cross and the Crescent
0800 World News
09 Reflections
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Thought for today

KNOW the true value of time — snatch, seize and enjoy every moment of it — Lord Chesterfield, English statesman (1694-1773).

OPINION

Opportunity knocking at the doors of Iran

WHEN Iran announced its acceptance of the UN Security Council Resolution 598 calling for peace in the region, the first negative reaction was Israel's.

An arms merchant in Israel described the Iranian decision as "catastrophic" as Israel would lose an arms market.

Israel and some other arms exporting countries were shocked by the Iranian decision. Additionally, the cronies of some big countries had different visions about peace in the region. They desired a temporary, though, unstable peace, which could be broken at any time to be tailored to their best business interests. The concept was basically to push the region into a state of cold war and then an actual war in the true sense of the word.

These obvious and vital facts should be realised by Iran.

Iran must comprehend that without establishing good friendly relations with the states in the region and without dropping the path of war and terrorism, it will never stand to benefit, rather it would contribute to their loss.

The Iranian people who welcomed peace openly, will certainly punish the Iranian political machine if it fails to accept peace. The Iranian people who earnestly desire peace will be forced to punish the leadership for two mistakes — for continuing the war, and for not entertaining peace. Thus, retribution would be cumulative.

Since the Iranian people are welcoming the prospects of peace, the Iranian leadership could avail and benefit from this golden opportunity.

A step towards acceptance of peace was a terrifying thought for the Iranian leadership in the past. The Iranian situation is better at present for achieving peace. Rather than waiting for the departure of Khomeini, when there could be civil war, Iranian leaders should try to put an end now to the eight-year-long crisis, which left over one million dead and hundreds of thousands injured.

Opportunity is knocking at the doors of the Iranian leadership and it would be to Iran's advantage to ride the peace tide which is so warmly accepted and welcomed by the Iranian people.

The whole region sincerely desires peace and along with it wants to see the return of good neighbourly relations which prevailed prior to the war.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

War-torn southern region

Sudanese government under pressure to rush food

By Robert M. Press

KHARTOUM, Sudan: Pressure is building at home and abroad for the Sudanese government to rush food to starving people in its war-torn southern regions.

In Wau, more than 4,000 destitute and hungry people huddle on verandas, partially exposed to the rains.

Every morning, "the priests come out and pick up some 20 to 30 dead," says a Sudanese relief official, citing details from a recent survey of Wau by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

In Aweil, another southern town, 2,481 persons died of hunger or hunger-related diseases between May 1 and June 26, according to radio reports from there.

In Malakal, a large southern city and main drop-off point for food convoys, relief stocks are

likely to run out soon, Sudanese and international relief officials say.

In Torit, some 10 adults and five children are dying of hunger each day, according to Sudanese, a local group, and Norwegian Church Aid. Rebels recently attacked a food and military convoy en route to Torit from Juba.

All four of these towns are held by the government and caught in the five-year war launched by southern rebels seeking a stronger voice in a unified Sudan.

Both the government and the rebels are being blamed for contributing to the starvation by their action — or inaction.

Suffering

Some Sudanese church and government officials and Western diplomats are calling for Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi to act quickly to relieve the suffering of an estimated 3.5 million people in need of food assistance.

These officials want prompt approval of an ICRC plan to deliver food to stricken towns in both government — and rebel-held areas. But the ICRC plan has run into a series of snags and objections, especially from the military, that could delay deliveries for months, according to Sudanese and international sources here.

The government and rebels agreed earlier this year that the ICRC would be allowed to assist three towns on each side of the conflict. On the government side, the towns were Wau, Malakal, and Juba. Recently, the commissioner of the southeastern province of Bahr el Ghazal called publicly for the prime minister to allow the ICRC to fly into Aweil to assess the hunger. But Aweil is not one of the three towns agreed upon, and there has been some criticism of the fact that Juba, which gets fairly regular food

deliveries, was picked over Aweil, which rarely receives supplies.

According to a source close to the ICRC, high-level military officers now object to the ICRC going ahead with food deliveries to the rebel-held towns, because they say these towns have few civilians and the deliveries would simply help the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA).

Target

One suggestion by some Sudanese and international officials is for the government to allow food convoys to travel without military escort in the war zones. Rebel leader John Garang says any convoy with military elements is a target for the rebels. Sudan, however, continues to insist on military escorts. "We are expected to deliver (food) to the needy. We cannot send vehicles unguarded," a Sudanese official explains.

During the last couple of years, rebel missiles have brought down at least two planes as they approached or departed one of these southern cities. And the SPLA has been attacking food convoys coming by road or by barge. "The plan of the rebels is to starve people by hitting planes and trains and barges," a Sudanese official says.

The Sudan government says it cannot easily get food relief to Wau, Aweil, and Malakal because transport routes are unsafe.

Genocide

But critics here point out that large military cargo planes, capable of carrying relief food but which apparently do not, regularly fly in and out of both Wau and Aweil.

"This is genocide," says one Sudanese relief official who, like most others interviewed, asked

not to be named. The government, he said, is allowing people in Aweil and Wau to starve because most of the residents in these towns are Dinka, the tribe which forms the backbone of the rebel movement.

"The Army (in these areas) is not starving," says one source in Khartoum, adding that the Army is not deliberately trying to starve people but is "indifferent" to their plight.

Several Western officials allege that some military personnel are directly or indirectly selling some of the commercial food that has reached those areas in occasional convoys. Military officials could not be reached for comment.

Church leaders in both Aweil and Wau have pleaded with Prime Minister Mahdi for prompt food deliveries.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.



By Linda Feldmann

WASHINGTON: A virtual civil war in northern Somalia has passed the stiffest military challenge yet to the United States-backed government.

Fighting between rebel and government forces, centred in the provincial capital of Hargeisa, has been fierce at times since it began May 27, according to Somali exiles, UN officials, and human rights monitors. The rebel Somali National Movement (SNM), claims to control much of northern Somalia, including Hargeisa, but admits it has not made inroads into the key port of Berbera. The Somali Embassy here denies any rebel gains.

The US government, which is sending \$41 million in military and economic aid this fiscal year, has been quietly concerned about the fighting in this strategically located East African nation. The US enjoys access to Somali military facilities.

President Mohammed Siad Barre's age and health have brought additional worries about a possible looming succession crisis. In mid-June President Siad Barre cancelled a visit to the US at the last minute.

Denied

Foreign journalists have been denied access to the country, and details have been sketchy. Conservative estimates put the death toll in the north at several thousand. Human rights organizations such as Amnesty International report a rise of violations in a country that has seen years of alleged torture by security forces. According to the New York-based Human Rights Watch, the government has blocked shipments of food and medical supplies to northern civilians.

The International Committee of the Red Cross says it has been denied access to Hargeisa, though it has been allowed to deliver medical supplies to two smaller northern cities. Western relief workers have been evacuated. And refugees are flooding into Ethiopia and Kenya, according to the UN high commissioner for refugees.

US officials play down SNM claims of major military victories, saying that recently an equilibrium of sorts has been established in Hargeisa, with some flare-ups. Moreover, they say that as long as the fighting is contained in the north, Siad Barre's position is fairly secure.

"It appears that both the Army and the SNM are holding parts of the city," one official said. But, the official added, the attacks have been "broader" — more fighters involved over a greater area — than in previous operations by the SNM, which began its fight against Siad

Barre faces stiffest military challenge



President Barre

Barre's authoritarian rule in 1982. The official estimated the number of SNM rebels at 3,000 to 6,000.

Ibrahim Samater, the SNM's Washington representative, says the numbers are not important.

"We have a nucleus of trained guerrilla fighters," he says. "They go into villages and mobilize the populace, so the people in the area will do their own fighting. You can't count our forces in terms of soldiers and tanks."

The latest SNM offensive began in the wake of an April 3 non-aggression pact between Somalia and neighbouring Ethiopia, which called on each country to stop paying and harbouring the other's rebels. But SNM officials deny that the pact caused them to act.

"We have been preparing this offensive for at least two years," says Abdurrahman Ali, a former Somali ambassador and now a member of the SNM Central Committee.

"We have been taking arms inside the country and hiding them. We have been preparing the people for this. I was in the country in December and January explaining what we're doing."

"I don't need to explain to the people about the oppression. The government is bad in all areas, but especially in the north. There is hardly any Somali in the north not affected by this tyranny."

Although the SNM has been supported by Marxist Ethiopia, its struggle appears to be non-ideological. The same is true for Siad Barre, who switched allegiance from the Soviets to the Americans in 1978 with apparently little ideological trouble. Siad Barre seized power in 1969 in a military coup and has since held a tight rein on power, using his own Marehan clan as a power base.

The SNM, dominated by the northern Issak clan, envisions a future Somalia governed by democratic laws and not an authoritarian personality.

"We want the Horn (of Africa) to be a zone of peace, with a neutral policy of mutual friendship with all," says Samater. The question of US military access would be a matter of negotiation with the new Somali government, he says.

For years Somalia has been singled out as a gross violator of human rights. In an appeal to Siad Barre recently, Amnesty International called for an investigation of unlawful recent killings of civilians in Hargeisa. Amnesty said the killings were "deliberate executions of arrested people," not war casualties.

The appeal added that SNM attacks in the north "have frequently been followed by widespread arbitrary arrests, ill-treatment, and summary executions by government security forces of civilians suspected of collaborating with the SNM."

Amnesty has also just released a report on torture in Somalia, detailing a decade in which the same methods have been regularly used. Many victims describe being tortured at the National Security Service headquarters in the capital of Mogadishu.

Torture

The US National Academy of Science Committee on Human Rights has also tried to keep the spotlight on Somalia by writing appeals to Siad Barre and sending delegations to investigate cases of alleged improper imprisonment and torture.

None of the human rights monitors interviewed had information on any possible human rights violations by the SNM.

A spokesman for the Somali Embassy, Abdi Awaleh Jama, called the abuse charge "an old story of crocodile tears." He discounted Amnesty International as politically motivated and said the Academy of Sciences findings are based on hearsay.

A US official who follows Somalia commented laconically on the alleged recent government abuses and on the US government response: "In a situation of intense fighting, it would seem to be inevitable... On the situation of human rights generally, we have conveyed our concerns privately from time to time."

Critics of US policy say the US' public silence has allowed Siad Barre to pursue with impunity policies that contribute to instability. But it is unclear whether vocal US criticism of Somali abuses would actually improve the situation or only jeopardize the US' standing in the country. The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Story of Argentina's 'dirty war'

Emotional tug of war for daughter

By Raul O. Garces

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina. (AP): A drama reminiscent of "The Official Story," the 1986 movie about an Argentine family that adopts the child of a woman who "disappeared" during the military rule of the 1970s, is being played out in real life.

Ten-year-old Juliana was handed over to her grandmother last month after living almost since birth with journalists Jose and Carmen Trevino.

Juliana is the daughter of a young Argentine couple who were arrested and presumed killed in 1977 by security forces trying to curtail leftist urban guerrillas.

More than 9,000 people vanished in the "dirty war" that was the backdrop for "The Official Story," judged the best foreign film of the year by the US Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

According to the human rights group the Grandmothers of the Plaza de Mayo, about 400 children were born to women who died in captivity. Many were adopted by families who wanted children and didn't question where they came from.

So far, 48 have been identified by the Grandmothers, an offshoot of the more widely known mothers of the Plaza de Mayo, which is comprised of the mothers of "los desaparecidos," the disappeared.

Both groups take their name from the plaza outside government house where every Thursday afternoon since 1977 they have marched in silence to locate their children and to seek prosecution of those responsible for the disappearances.

Juliana's case is special because — unlike in the movie or other instances in real life — the Trevinos never hid the facts about her origin. They tried to determine her real identity, told her she was adopted and completed all the paperwork to become her legal parents.

"From the first moment, we told Juliana she was adopted. As the democrats I am, I tried to find the truth..." Trevino said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"If her real parents appeared, my wife and I told ourselves we would rip up the documents" and give Juliana back, Trevino said in one of many interviews that have been broadcast on radio and television.

After two years of fruitless searching, the Trevinos concluded that Juliana, who had been found in the doorway of a building near a Buenos Aires hospital and taken to an orphanage, had been abandoned.

In 1979, a court issued adoption papers.

Still, however, there were doubts. And when the Grandmothers helped organise a blood bank to determine the identities of lost children through genetic analysis, the Trevinos contributed a sample from Juliana.

That sample proved Juliana was the daughter of Pedro Fabian Sandoval and Liliana Fontana, who was pregnant when the couple was arrested on July 1, 1977, and the granddaughter of Clelia Deharbe de Fontana.

On June 23, the same day they received the disheartening news from the blood bank, the Trevinos were ordered to appear in court. There, judge Juan Ramos Padilla gave them two choices: hand over Juliana to her grandmother, or to a foster home.

According to Trevino, the last time he and his wife saw Juliana was at 2 am June 24 when they left her at Mrs Fontana's home in the village of Caseros about 60 miles (97 kms) southeast of the capital.

"Juliana understood that she was going to be torn from our side and cried desperately..." Not tonight, mommy. Let me go tomorrow in the light," said Trevino.

Mrs Fontana has not commented publicly on the case, in part out of concern that publicity might hinder Juliana's recovery from a traumatic experience.

Perez de Cuellar known for discretion

By Victoria Graham

UNITED NATIONS. (AP): Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, the man at the helm of Iran-Iraq peace talks, is a mild-mannered, patrician diplomat, known for diligence and discretion rather than dynamism.

The 67-year-old Peruvian was a compromise candidate when he won his first five-year term as secretary-general of the 159-member world body in 1981. He later said he preferred his independence to a second term but that he was compelled by a sense of duty to accept one.

Involved

Perez de Cuellar is known for his caution, not his charisma, nor his bold initiatives. But he has earned wide respect for integrity and determination, and close aides say there is a mellow, unassuming exterior.

Initially he had few diplomatic successes, but he now appears to have his hands full of promise and possibilities — and already could hark in the success of UN mediation to achieve a political

settlement and Soviet troop withdrawal in Afghanistan.

The Iran-Iraq war, Angola and South-West Africa, Cyprus, Western Sahara and Kampuchea are all situations in which the United Nations has been involved in negotiations or is expected to be involved in a peace settlement or peacekeeping operations.

Abortive

Perez de Cuellar also presided over a period of UN reform and refurbishing of its image, from one of shrill anti-American and anti-Western invective, to one of softer rhetoric and consensus-seeking.

At the helm of what he calls a more effective and respected international organisation, Perez de Cuellar also has consistently warned of the UN financial crisis, caused by massive withholding by the United States and other members.

When he took office he said he wanted to "shake up" the house to make the United Nations more effective and respected. He has recently been calling for



Perez de Cuellar

more innovative forms of peacekeeping.

Perez de Cuellar, the first Latin American to hold the secretary-general's post, made his first determined but abortive foray into peacekeeping during the 1982 Falkland Islands crisis.

For two weeks, as a British battle fleet neared the Falklands, he conducted indirect peace talks at UN headquarters in New York with British and Argentine envoys. Perez de Cuellar said he achieved substantial progress, but the talks collapsed when both sides hardened their positions and war erupted.

Although a Latin American country was involved, the UN chief won highest marks for impartiality for the British side.

Perez de Cuellar was a member of the Peruvian delegation to the General Assembly at its first session in 1946. In 1971, he was appointed Peru's permanent representative.

In 1975, he was appointed secretary-general Kurt Waldheim's special representative in Cyprus. In 1979, he became the UN undersecretary-general for special political affairs. He was the secretary-general's personal representative on Afghanistan in 1981.

In September 1987, he visited Iran and Iraq for talks on a UN peace plan and has held numerous discussions with representatives of both sides.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1560 — Scotland's parliament abolishes papal jurisdiction and approves a Calvinistic confession of faith, thus founding Church of Scotland.
- 1664 — Turks are defeated at St Gotthard-on-the-Raah in Hungary by Holy Roman Empire troops.
- 1779 — French fleet takes over domination of English Channel.
- 1789 — British under Horatio Nelson destroy French fleet off Aboukir (Battle of the Nile), cutting Napoleon Bonaparte's communications with Europe.
- 1807 — Jerome Bonaparte is made king of Westphalia, formed from former Prussian possessions west of Elbe River.
- 1904 — Japan declares war on China over Korea question.
- 1922 — Britain, France and Italy warn Greece against attempted occupation of Palestine.
- 1947 — United Nations calls for ceasefire in Indonesia, where revolutionaries are fighting the Dutch.
- 1950 — Belgium's King Leopold III abdicates in favour of Prince Baudouin.
- 1958 — Jordan's King Hussein dissolves federation of Jordan with Iraq.
- 1962 — Unsuccessful attempt to assassinate President Kwame Nkrumah in Ghana when bomb is thrown at his car.
- 1963 — Britain agrees to grant independence to Malta in 1964.
- 1971 — Defence Department announces pullout of almost 3,000 US troops from Vietnam.
- 1972 — Death toll rises to more than 350 in floods that swept across parts of Philippine capital of Manila and 14 provinces of Luzon Island.
- 1975 — Leaders of 35 nations at summit meeting in Helsinki, Finland, affirm broad charter for peace in Europe.
- 1987 — Scores of Iranian pilgrims are rounded up in Makkah, Saudi Arabia, on suspicion of provoking riot near Grand Mosque that left hundreds dead.

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Verdict from Paris for autumn-winter

Youthful, beautiful, colourful

By Suzy Patterson

PARIS, (AP): The cream of France's haute couture designers showed off clothes this week that were both youthful and beautiful in the fall-winter collection. The showings brought lots of good news for fashion-watchers, including cheery colours to brighten up winter.

After the hue and cry about the miniskirt, hem lengths are dropping somewhat, as designers realise that teeny skirts look ridiculous in couture clothes.

A few hemlines sank to mid-calf length at Chanel, Cardin, Feraud, Givenchy. But most skirts came out hovering around the kneecap or just above, and there was a new attention to dressy pants.

Only a few thousand women worldwide can afford couture clothes, costing upwards of \$6,000 reaching \$25,000 or so for an elaborately beaded evening gown.

Besides pleasing these women, couturiers have another purpose in turning out a collection. Couture clothes serve as models for good ready-to-wear, and boost the designers' fame and name for the big money stakes: accessory and perfume licenses.

Domain

Suits made news in the shows, well shaped with waist emphasis and enough shoulder padding to give jackets style without looking bulky. Bohan's suits at Dior were based on short skirts and snugly-fitted jackets with a marigold belt feature in back.

Today's couturiers know that many of their best clients keep in shape, have face-lifts and look young. So they don't have to worry too much about the portly types, and their clothes are geared to slim women.

Saint Laurent's easily-fitted piped suede suits came out in glorious colour combinations like turquoise and French blue, shocking pink and raspberry, chartreuse and rust.

Jean-Louis Scherrer's most artistic suede suits were the ultimate in luxury. Many were painted with landscapes, others had a cut-out eyelet effect.

Trousers — recently the domain of ready-to-wear — made strong re-entry. Even Christian Lacroix gave up his little-girl bouffant skirts to soften his general lines, which included some palazzo or skirt-pants. The best appeared as a high-waisted "tuxedo" outfit with a flowing back on the cut-away jacket.

Saint Laurent's striking group of tuxedo styles, includ-

ing straight and uncomplicated pants, were a reminder that borrowing mens wear in the right way can make women look fabulous.

Couture showed plenty of coats for keeping warm in pampered comfort. The top furs, such as astrakhan, mink, sable and fox, were often dyed everything from pastel to hot orange shades, a nice extra fashion touch for women who are bored with their plain old natural sables or lynx.

The broadcloth, cashmere or mohair coats were beautifully cut, very fitted in long or short

redingotes or princess coats, seven-eighths shortie coats and full trapeze-line models.

Late-day clothes looked rich and alluring, as couturiers let their fantasies go wild. Plunging décolletés and strapless cocktail or short evening gowns sometimes had elegant little boleros or jackets for a discreet entrance to the party.

The renaissance and tudor periods inspired some designers. Lanvin's fur-trimmed taffeta gowns were striking enough for a film set. Karl Lagerfeld at Chanel used page-boy velvet knickers or long skirts, ruffled white collars and cuffs, chains and jewels in his historical flights of fancy clothes.

Couture's long gowns were stunning in iridescent taffeta, as well as combinations of velvet and moiré, lace and tulle. Saint evening pyjamas and dinner dresses were the options for informal evenings.

Lively

The colours on runways were lively enough to warm even the most jaded fashion writer's heart. Many designers have fallen in love with lavender and amethyst, using it both for day and evening.

Besides silvery gray and autumn colours like pinky brick, rust, forest green and raspberry, there was a lot of chocolate brown, café au lait, and cinnamon.

Designers didn't stop at regular fall colours. They also went into sunny yellow, bright sapphire, poppy and carnation red, emerald, blazing orange, electric pink, fuchsia and cerise — especially in late-day clothes.

Even though the vast majority of women can't even contemplate buying these couture clothes, they can serve as references for style and colour when looking through the racks. And those lucky enough to afford the couturiers' ready-to-wear clothes, shown last March and already on their way to the shops, might find cuts and fabrics to echo couture quality.



Louis Feraud featured dresses, coats and accessories emblazoned with the gambling theme.



Christian Lacroix presented this patchwork embroidery cassock with a rosy wool skirt-pants.

By Barbara Bright

PARIS, (Reuters): Marc Bolan of Christian Dior won the award for the best-designed autumn-winter collection as French high fashion previews ended, but France's fashion king Yves Saint Laurent stayed away.

A spokesman for the sponsors, Emmanuel Villeroi de Galhau, said at the closing ceremony that Saint Laurent had refused to compete for the Golden Thimble despite being pressed to do so.

There was no immediate reaction from Saint Laurent, but the reclusive designer is on record as saying he does not consider fashion a competitive sport.

Two members resigned last year from the international jury of fashion editors, who pick the winner, in protest against Saint Laurent never having won the

Saint Laurent refuses to compete

Dior wins fashion thimble

award in its 12-year existence. "Our satisfaction would be

complete if Yves Saint Laurent agreed to participate ... but

until now he has refused to compete," said Villeroi de Galhau, president of Helena Rubinstein cosmetic house.

Saint Laurent's show last week received a standing ovation. The designer himself said he believed the collection of Tuxedo dresses, classic suits and elaborately embroidered evening wear was his best work.

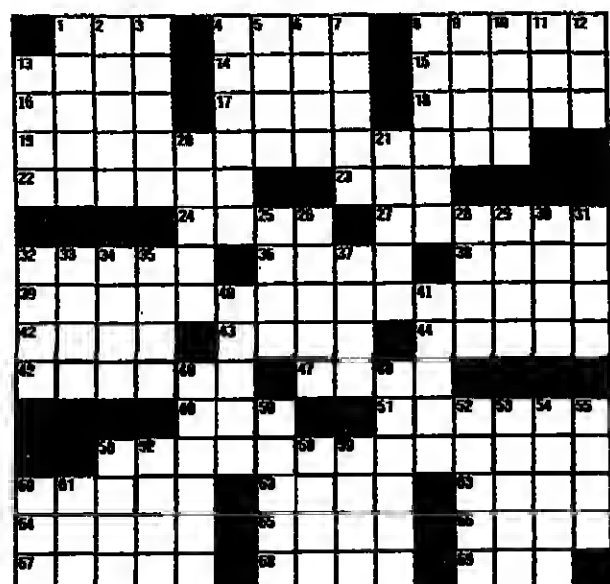
"I think I have achieved the technique which I vowed when I was very young that I would reach one day. I think it corresponds ... to the life of today," Saint Laurent said.

It was the second Golden Thimble for Bohan, who also won for a spring-summer collection in January 1983.



Marc Bolan, designer for Christian Dior (centre) flanked by two models displays the Golden Thimble which was awarded to the House of Dior for the 1988-89 autumn-winter high fashion collection.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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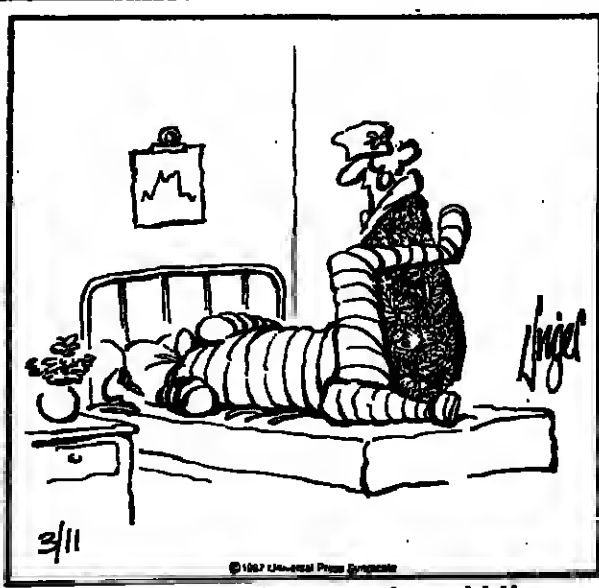
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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

- Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AKJ8763 ♠Void ♠KQ542 ♠A
Your partner deals and opens four hearts. What action do you take?
- Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AKJ72 ♠6 ♠Q876 ♠A83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AKJ72 ♠63 ♠Q87 ♠A83
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠AQ652 ♠6 ♠Q876 ♠A43
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass
What action do you take?
- Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AJ93 ♠Q754 ♠J102 ♠62
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?
- Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J9643 ♠A ♠A986 ♠AJ102
The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
What do you bid now?



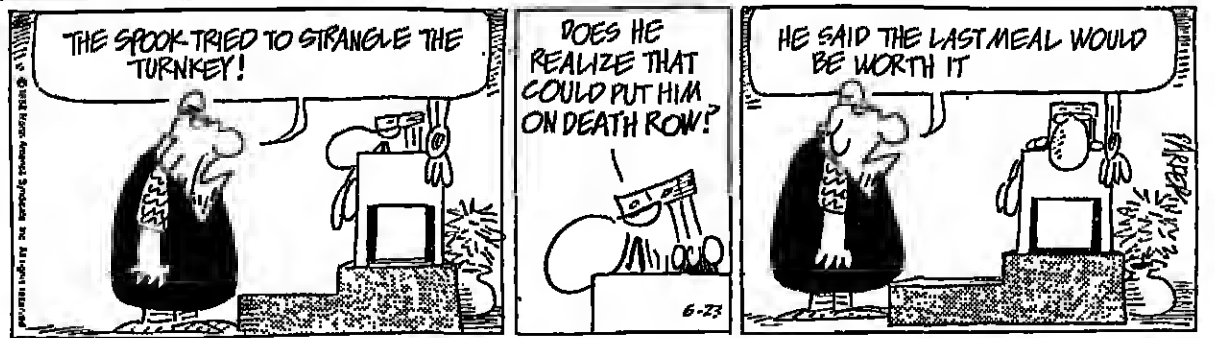
"They found your other ski."



"That's right! Run my whole day before it starts!"

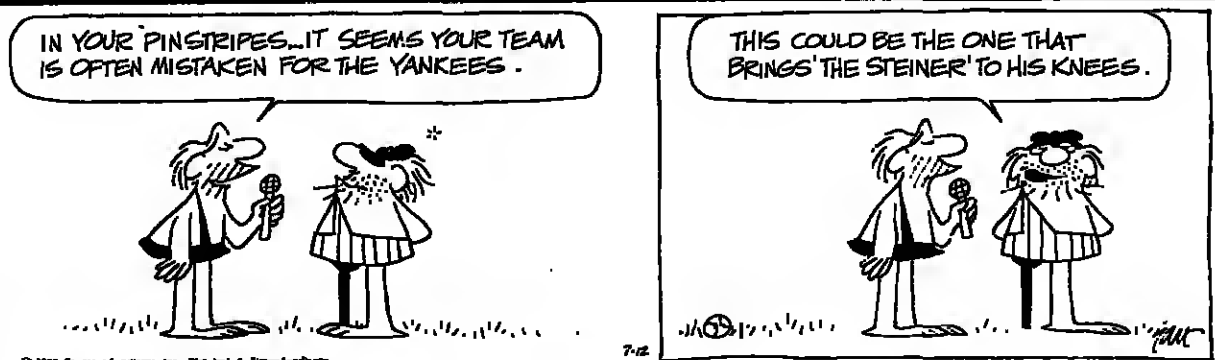
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
The Moon's more favourable influence will help you to concentrate on what you are doing. You should not put too much faith in luck and avoid taking chances. Do not lose touch with a friend who has moved. Be less sensitive.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
You should make sure you wear the right clothes for the occasion and climate. You must do all you can to avoid tension and conflict. You should beware of playing with fire as you are tempted to do. Be tactful.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)**
You have good reason to hold your head high and should do so. You will be better able to deal with a personal matter. You should not do anything that would disturb your working rhythm. Be reasonable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
You will have to deal with a matter of prestige but should avoid allowing it to become predominant. A little more charm and tact is what is needed just now. You are more liable to lose your way do not hesitate to consult a map.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
Something you had hoped would not happen nonetheless will take place. However the consequences are not quite as bad as you had feared. You should avoid getting mixed up in other people's affairs. Be reliable.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
For the better part of the day you will feel well but you must take it easy later in the afternoon. You should avoid letting yourself be flooded by negative thoughts. Do not do anything that might give rise to confusion. Be careful.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)**
This is a good time to deal with a private matter you have been putting to one side. You should exercise just a little more self control, nor should you lose your temper. Make sure your diet contains enough proteins and vitamins.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb. 18)**
You are subject to mixed influences and will find it easier to adapt to the circumstances. You should not allow others to overawe you. Make sure you get enough exercise and plenty of sleep. Be cordial.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
The prospects are good only you must not do anything to spoil them. Venus's better influence will help you to look on the bright side of things. Make sure you do not spend money recklessly. Be a little more tolerant.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
You will feel rather more sure of yourself and will be able to make good progress. Make sure you do not waste time attending to some secondary matter. Do not allow work to encroach upon your personal affairs. Be more optimistic.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
You will tend to be rather on the nervous side and should take every opportunity to calm down. You will be able to resolve a problem that has been bothering you. You should now concern yourself with secondary matters. Be reasonable.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
You must avoid mistaking what you would like to be for what is. What seemed to be a secondary matter will become more important. You should not try to use force where persuasiveness has failed. Be amenable.

Genetic engineering raises ethical questions

Tampering with nature or scientific progress?

By Christine Doyle

LOUISE BROWN, the first test-tube baby, whose birth heralded an era of hope for many infertile couples, is 10 years old.

Since the late Sixties and Seventies when the Steptoe-Edwards team shunted human eggs, protected in rabbits' bellies, up and down the motorway between Oldham General Hospital and The Physiological Laboratory at Cambridge, University, high technology reproduction has developed with astonishing speed.

Now test-tube (or in vitro fertilisation, GIFT (the in-body advance on IVF), donor eggs, frozen embryos, surrogacy and multiple births are words that have passed into our language. But there is another side to the process of intervening before and at the moment of conception; one which has aroused fears that not far ahead may lie Orwellian clones, hybrid monsters and bizarre humans raised with specific genetic traits to serve in armies or in scientific laboratories.

None of these aberrations has come about in humans (though we know from animal experiments that some at least are scientifically possible). Nor will they, declares Robert Edwards. We are all, he says, capable of deciding what should or should not be allowed.

Infertility

Yet the past decade's developments have raised ethical dilemmas that are difficult to resolve. Heading the list is how far it is desirable to experiment on the human embryo in the name of science and humanity. This and other related issues, such as raising children with aged parents, surrogacy and how far we go in eradicating genetic defects, will dominate the debate during the next 10 years.

Most of us do not wish to put back the clock, and Louise Brown is a potent symbol of progress, in reproductive science. Yet if there is a simple message we look to an even swifter pace of research during the next decade, perhaps it is that scientists must open their doors even wider and explain in detail what they are doing.

Professor Robert Edwards, Director, Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge, who with Mr

Patrick Steptoe pioneered in vitro fertilisation (IVF).

All the things I predicted in the 1960s are coming true: it is marvellous. I knew then that one day we would be able to examine embryos to detect severe genetic defects.

Now I believe we may expect dramatically improved success rates for IVF and related techniques. In a recent trial of 115 women we were, with the gentlest hormonal touch, able to control the time of ovulation and prepare the womb exactly for implantation.

Of course there are a lot of ethical decisions ahead and I accept that there is much fear. But I think there is a rational process about the entire development field now.

In my view we have got to carry out embryo research, and perhaps eventually, but only with the agreement of society, take it beyond the 14-day limit suggested. For a start, embryo research will throw more light on infertility. Further, we have seen recently how foetal cells may be used to repair defective tissue — the brain transplant surgery to help Parkinson's sufferers is an example — so now more people are realising the "futuristic" potential.

One way ahead is to take "stem" cells from developing embryonic tissue and grow them into specific cells which could be used to repair, say, the damaged systems of irradiated adults or children with blood diseases such as leukaemia or diabetes. Every cell in our bodies has a precursor in the embryo and only by studying them will we discover the secret of the development forces that shape us.

I believe we have to take up the challenges. Patrick Steptoe never turned away from that: he kept on with IVF even when no-one was following him.

Genetic defects

Robert Winston, Professor of Reproductive Medicine at Hammersmith Hospital, London:

We are on the verge of a new era when IVF will not only be used for infertile couples. The latest gene "probes" will be used to detect serious genetic errors in embryos of mothers at high risk. Only healthy normal embryos would be replaced in the uterus.

To me that is a very major advance, which could be routine by the 1990s. At the moment many women must go

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Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, (right) with her family. Her sister Natalie was also conceived through in vitro fertilization.

through pregnancy after pregnancy with selective termination if pre-natal tests reveal a serious abnormality.

There are at least 3,000 serious or fatal gene defect disorders, such as cystic fibrosis and Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which could be precluded. Britain is by far the most advanced country on this research, with major centres in London, Cambridge and Edinburgh working on the tests.

IVF may not be necessary for these tests. With hormones, superovulation could be encouraged, fertilised embryos flushed out of the womb, examined and the healthy ones replaced.

Sex selection

In looking ahead I am anxious not to raise false hopes for infertile couples. Despite claims for higher success rates in some centres, generally the picture is not so encouraging. The figures from the Voluntary Licensing Authority for IVF clinics in this country show a global success rate per treatment cycle of 8.6 per cent.

Dr Gary Hodgen, Scientific Director of the Jones Institute, Virginia USA, and a pioneer of

high technology reproduction:

Sex selection of IVF embryos will probably be available within three years. Chief use will be to detect those at risk of sex-linked diseases, such as haemophilia or muscular dystrophy. Only unaffected embryos would be returned to the uterus.

I do not foresee ethical difficulties with that. But pressure will build up for convenience sexing. A couple asking for only female embryos to be replaced because they already have two sons is a very different situation from a childless couple demanding a son.

Microinjection, or putting the most viable sperm directly into the egg, will soon be common to help infertile men with extremely low sperm counts. About 15 or so centres around the world are working on this.

Freezing and storing human oocytes or eggs, as we now freeze embryos and sperm, will become routine. Storing an egg is ethically much more convenient than keeping an embryo: there is no question of a life at stake.

The reproductive age of women could soon be extended

well into their fifties, through use of donated eggs or stored eggs and hormone manipulation. Already some women have become mothers in their fifties. We should also learn how to control the rate at which a woman's ovaries lose viable eggs so that we can extend the "natural" childbearing lifespan.

But a society with increasing numbers of parents of grandparental age will mean tough questions about whether medical "progress" is taking us way beyond what is in the best interests of children.

At the other end of the scale, I believe we will soon be able to identify women whose childbearing clock runs out around the age of 35 because of prematurely declining egg supply.

Ethics

Sir Bernard Braine, Conservative MP for Castle Point, Essex, and Chairman of the All-party Parliamentary-Pro Life Committee:

Steptoe and Edwards have brought great joy to infertile couples and I would not want to interfere with that legitimate use of science.

But we are against any experimentation with early human embryos. There is a deep-rooted abhorrence on ethical and moral grounds, as there is for tearing out the human foetus from the mother and using bits of it for such things as transplants.

One has to take a moral stand on this, or we easily travel down the road that leads — and the Warnock inquiry into embryo research itself recognised this — to cloning, crossfertilisation of the species, sex selection and so on.

Our advice from distinguished medical and scientific consultants is that research into the cause and treatment of Down's syndrome and other genetic disorders does not require the use of embryos for success. Of course scientists will say that we must have a statutory body to monitor the work: this is a civilised, ordered country, not Nazi Germany. But suppose we did decide that a 14-day-old embryo was the time limit for research. What happens when somebody says this is not enough for muscular dystrophy or whatever and it should really be 28 or 36 days?

Where will the money come from? Many people I have dis-

cussed this with have a strong suspicion that these experiments are all about producing a perfect contraceptive. I am not deeply religious, but personally I don't really believe we should tamper too much with God's work.

I find it utterly incongruous that Parliament is eventually to be permitted a free vote on embryo experimentation, but that the government cannot find time for a final vote on abortion, when it is clear that a majority in Parliament wishes to reduce the time limits.

Embryo research

David Weatherall, Nuffield Professor of Clinical Medicine, University of Oxford:

The scientific fallout from embryo research will be enormous over the next few years. We will probably start to get a real understanding of baffling conditions such as cancer, blood disorders and ageing.

So far nothing has been done that is out of line with normal clinical practice. It is, for instance, important to understand that there is no question of altering genes in a way that could be passed on to future generations. I cannot think of a single reason why anyone would consider cloning, chimeras, or other gene fantasies.

However, we need constant open debate if we are to reach constructive ethical decisions. It may sound pompous, but I believe we have to go into schools and start to educate children properly in biology. Then debate about such matters in the House of Commons might be less a byssmal.

Regulation

Mary Warnock, Mistress of Girton and Chairman of the 1984 Committee of Inquiry into Embryology:

Perhaps the chief argument in favour of embryo and other reproductive research is that it is all very much to the benefit of future generations of babies.

But there is a battle to be won during the next decade. Alongside a lot of ignorance about what is involved in this research, there is genuine and increasing fear that researchers may change the course of nature.

The worst I fear is that a fundamentalist wave of opinion formed by a loose alliance of religious and anti-genetic-engineering groups may lead to restrictions on research.



Louise Brown: the girl who made medical history is growing up 'just like all the other girls at school'.

At 10, first test-tube baby is normal child

By Kieran Daly

BRISTOL, England: With shoulder-length blonde hair, blue eyes and chubby cheeks, the world's first test-tube baby is growing up, in her own words, "just like all the girls at school."

Louise Joy Brown celebrated her 10th birthday last week with a knack for writing stories and poems and getting into trouble for playing outdoors too late.

Louise's birth in Oldham, England, on July 25, 1978, was hailed as a medical breakthrough on the order of the first heart transplant. As the first human conceived outside the womb, she gave hope to millions of childless couples.

Now Louise has a sister, 6-year-old Natalie, also conceived through in vitro fertilisation, and sees nothing special about test-tube babies. The sisters and their parents, truck driver John Brown, 47, and his wife, Lesley, 40, live in a modest, two-story house in Whitchurch, a suburb of this bustling Western England seaport.

Louise attends a neighbourhood school, Wansdyke Primary, and belongs to the local Brownie troop.

"I just like to play, and I like doing English," she said, proudly displaying stories and poems she had written.

"She is a very bright child, and if she can just learn to concentrate and work a bit harder, then she can do very well for herself," her father said. "She's a monkey," Mrs. Brown said. "But even so, she could be really talented at whatever she does."

A doting father, Brown says he gets annoyed when Louise fails to return home on time from playing outdoors.

"I told her that if she was late again, she would have to write out 500 times I must not be late," he said. "But she is so full of life and so friendly that it doesn't make any difference."

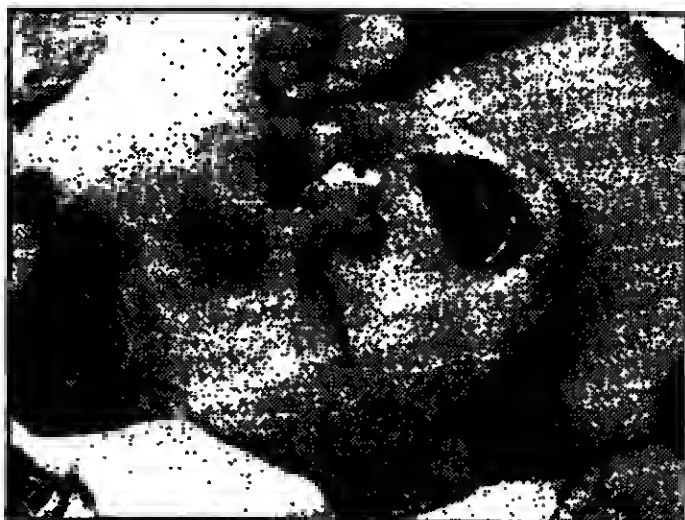
"I was worried that she might grow up a spoilt brat," he added. The Browns volunteered for the then-pioneering in vitro treatment, after failing to produce children in nine years of marriage.

Mrs Brown's infertility resulted from a fallopian tube blockage. Her husband has another daughter, Sharon, 27, by a previous marriage.

Gynaecologist Patrick Steptoe and physiologist Robert Edwards spent a decade developing the procedure that made Louise's life possible.

Brown said it was sad that Steptoe, who died in March, couldn't share in Louise's 10th birthday celebrations.

"But Louise is a sort of tribute to him," he said.



A test-tube baby: there are at least 169 in vitro centres in 41 states in the USA.

them as much as they can," she said.

Mrs De Miranda, whose lobbying made Texas one of the five states, along with Maryland, Massachusetts, Hawaii and Arkansas, to require insurance companies to offer coverage of in vitro, advises anyone thinking of the procedure to know more than the basics of in vitro: the hormonal stimulation of the woman to produce more than one egg in a month, the retrieval by doctors of as many eggs as possible, the mixing of those eggs with the husband's sperm in a petri dish, and the implanting of fertilized eggs, or embryos, in the uterus.

A recent report by 41 US in

vitro centres claimed a combined rate of clinical pregnancy, determined by detectable fetal heartbeat, of 17 per cent per embryo transfer. Calculating miscarriages and other loss, the chance of having a baby after one embryo transfer was 11 per cent.

The centres surveyed were among the nation's most successful — scores of others still have recorded no births.

The Jones Institute reported that 500 patients underwent 736 stimulation cycles last year. In 537 cases, embryos were transferred. Of course, 169 clinical pregnancies occurred, or 23 per cent per attempted stimulation; 29.5 per cent per embryo transfer. The miscarriage rate was 24 per cent.

Danger of charlatany, fraud

Proliferation of in vitro centres in US

By Christopher Sullivan

NORFOLK, Virginia (AP): Doctors and nurses in scrub suits wheeled another patient into the operating room for a brief procedure, placing fertilized eggs in her womb.

Everyone involved hoped the eggs would cling there and grow into a pregnancy, but everyone knew they probably would not.

The scene played out on a video monitor above the heads of Georgetown and Howard Jones, whose In Vitro fertilization clinic gets credit for about 400 test-tube babies, including the first in the USA.

In a month, the woman on the screen would receive a phone call, telling her whether or not she was pregnant. Roughly three times in four,

even at the best centres like the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine at Eastern Virginia Medical School, the answer is no.

"It's always hard," said the 77-year-old Dr Howard, as colleagues call him.

"But," said Dr Georgetown, who's 76, "it more than compensates when you call to say yes."

In vitro fertilization has become routine medicine, a multimillion-dollar business and a catalyst of new ethical debate with each research advance.

At least 169 in vitro centres operate in 41 states in the US alone, and with the proliferation have come questions that practitioners and policy-makers are now being pressed to answer:

— Why isn't success more com-

mon?

— Are In Vitro clinics and their practices adequately regulated?

— Why does In Vitro cost so much — \$4,000 to \$6,000 on average per attempt — and should insurance companies or taxpayers help pay the bill?

— Why has the federal government maintained a de facto moratorium on financing research?

— Have some clinics taken advantage of a vulnerable patient population to make a profit?

"Some clinics are selling false hope," asserted Gary Ellis, director of a just-completed study of infertility for the congressional office of technology assessment.

"A clinic knows if it has had any babies born. A clinic that keeps admitting people in the front door and does not have

any births — I ask you: what are they selling? They're selling false hope."

He and others stressed that only a minority of clinics fell into that category. But the vast market for infertility services — 2 million to 3 million American couples unable to have babies — enhances the danger of charlatany and fraud.

"You can charge these people more, because they're more desperate," said Gina de Miranda, who founded a consumer protection group in Texas for infertile people after her own years of frustration and sadness.

"What you've had is a whole lot of clinics opening all over the United States with varying rates of success. And in order to break even they've got to get more patients in and charge

exaggerated.

QUESTION: After all the uproar about toxic shock syndrome, I haven't heard any explanation as to what causes the syndrome itself. Can you enlighten me?

ANSWER: Toxic shock syndrome, or TSS, originally was associated only with the use of super-absorbent tampon products by women during menstruation. However, we now know that between 2 per cent to 3 per cent of TSS cases are reported in men. In some manner not yet determined, the tampons help create an environment hospitable to the growth of bacteria, which in turn leads to a variety of symptoms, including fever, headache, vomiting and diarrhoea. Severe or untreated cases can lead to more serious complications and death in 3 per cent to 10 per cent of cases involved.

The culprit has been identified as a bacteria by the name of staphylococcus aureus, which produces two distinct strains of toxin believed to be at the root of TSS ailments: enterotoxin F and staphylococcal pyrogenic exotoxin C. These toxins have been found in almost all cases of TSS.

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FLU CAN LEAD TO PNEUMONIA IN THE ELDERLY

FAMILY DOCTOR
By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: I'm older than 70. Should I get a flu shot?

ANSWER: Yes. Older people like yourself do need to be vaccinated for both influenza and pneumonia. The vaccines are safe and help prevent pneumococcal pneumonia and most types of flu. Flu can lead to pneumonia in the elderly.

Older folk need vaccination more than people younger than 50. The usual mortality rate for pneumococcal pneumonia is 15 per cent (yes, even with modern antibiotics, 15 per cent of those who catch pneumococcal pneumonia die of it). But in people older than 50, the mortality rate is 40 per cent, because older people often have other underlying diseases, such as heart failure, diabetes or kidney failure.

Nursing homes, unfortunately, are a prime location to catch flu and pneumonia and both vaccinations are highly recommended for all nursing home residents. The main risk of vaccination is a local swelling at the site of the shot or a mild fever. The benefits outweigh this risk. Don't tell me, that at your age, you're still afraid of a little injection?

QUESTION: Is it true that the sons of alcoholic fathers become emotionally impaired?

ANSWER: Although popular opinion has been saying that children of alcoholics have emotional problems, a recent study has shown that the problems may not be as severe as has been thought.

The study evaluated families with an alcoholic father, families with a depressed father and families with no history of mental or alcohol-related problems. Sons of alcoholic or depressed fathers had more problems and less social competency than sons of normal fathers, but daughters of alcoholic or depressed fathers had lower total behavioural problems. This appears to show that sons of alcoholics suffer more than daughters.

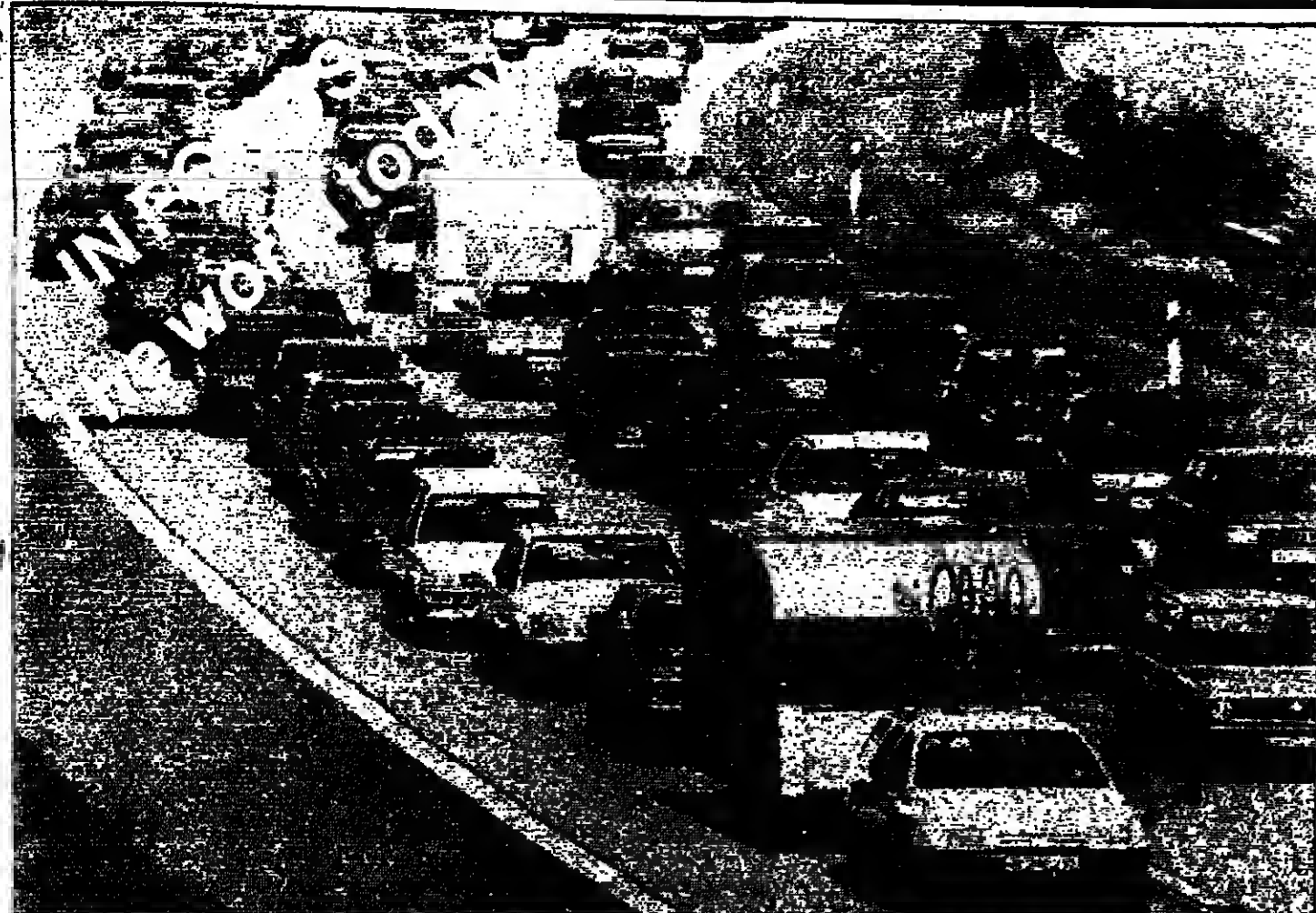
However, the study also showed that only a small percentage of the children had severe dysfunction (13 per cent of the children of alcoholic fathers and 8 per cent of the children of depressed fathers). Living with alcoholic fathers is never easy but the researchers see this as evidence that the harmful influence of an alcoholic parent may be

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

definitely



THE end of summer holidays in the West German state of Lower Saxony and Scandinavia sometimes caused more than 11-kilometre-long jams on West German motorways. (Reuter wirephoto)



ENZO NAJOROS (centre sitting) is about to enter the water in Syracuse, Italy, to set a diving record. Najoros dived 101 metres in 2 minutes and 35 seconds. (Reuter wirephoto)



DEMOCRATIC presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, (centre) and his wife Kitty applaud during campaign stop in Louisville. (Reuter wirephoto)



WEST GERMAN Steffi Graf won her semi-final match against Bettina Fulco of Argentina 6-2, 6-3 at the West German Women's Open tennis tournament in Hamburg on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)



OLYMPIC souvenirs are an important source of income for organisers of the Seoul Olympic Games which start in September. Here a sales assistant waits at a gift shop in Seoul for customers. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCESS Diana (left) and Princess Margaret arrive at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, in the Essex village of Saffron Walden, for the wedding of Princess Alexandra's son James Ogilvy with Julia Rawlinson on Saturday. (Reuter wirephoto)



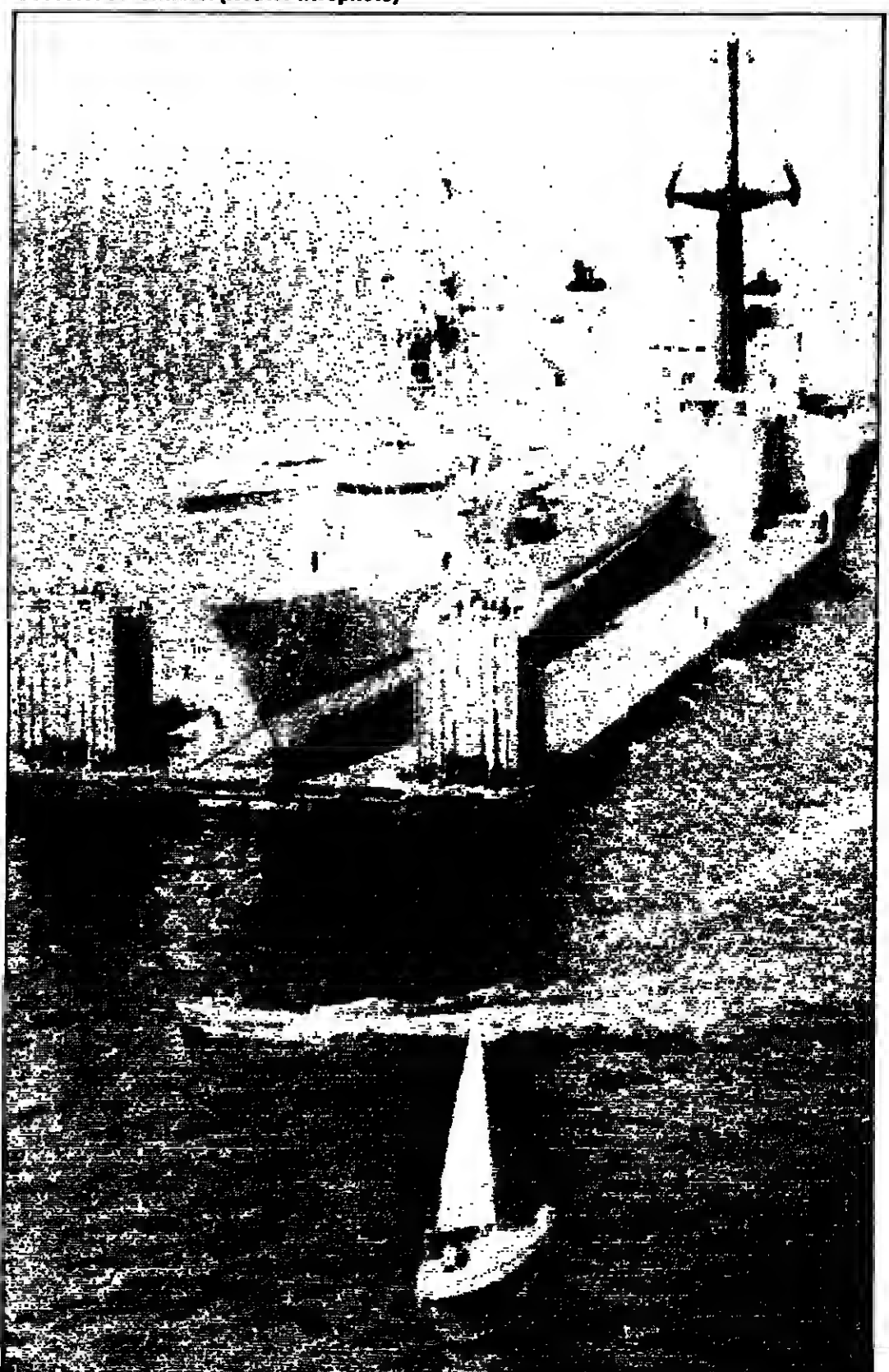
VETERAN US firefighter Red Adair explains how he put out the North Sea oil platform Piper Alpha fire. The platform exploded killing 167 people three weeks ago. The 73-year-old troubleshooter was speaking at the Aberdeen headquarters of Piper Alpha's owners. (Reuter wirephoto)



PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk of Kampuchea receives a bouquet of flowers from a Kampuchean girl on his arrival at Beijing airport. (Reuter wirephoto)



A PERUVIAN detective (right) guards two members of the Palestinian Abu Nidal group after they were captured while holding plans to bomb a synagogue and the Israeli embassy in Lima. (Reuter wirephoto)



THE USS Samuel B. Roberts arrived at Newport from the Gulf on Saturday. The Roberts, which struck a mine in the Gulf on April 14, left Dubai five weeks ago aboard the Dutch heavy lift ship Mighty Servant II. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Analysts warn of £15b UK annual deficit

Inflation rising but Lawson stays confident

LONDON, July 31. (Agencies): The rate of inflation, already at its highest for more than two years, is likely to go on rising well into next year, Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, conceded last week as the government came under renewed attack over the growing balance of payments deficit.

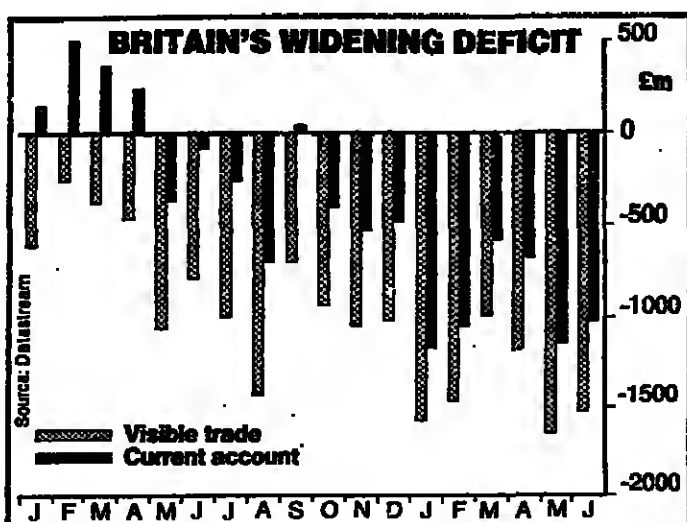
But, in an upbeat end-of-term message to Tory MPs, Lawson insisted that the government would overcome the difficulties besetting the economy and sought to play down the significance of last month's trade deficit of more than £1 billion.

Disclosing for the first time the view that inflation would go on rising beyond the end of 1988, Lawson said: "Inflation is now likely to edge up in the second half of the year and the first half of next year before coming back down again."

Action

At the time of the budget in March, the Treasury predicted an inflation rate of about four per cent at the end of the year.

Lawson admitted recently that inflation would be higher than that by December, and some forecasters have predicted it could go as high as six per cent.



Last month, inflation jumped to 4.6 per cent, its highest level since February 1986.

The Chancellor's warning of continuing higher inflation was seen by MPs on Thursday as underlining the need for action to prevent the economy overheating.

City analysts were dismissed as "teenage scribbles" by him last month for predicting a deficit of £10 billion for this year.

But the figures last week

showed that the gap in the first six months, of £5.7 billion, were more than half way there.

Analysis said that £10 billion now represented the lower end of the likely range for the full-year deficit, and it was possible that Britain was heading for a £15 billion deficit, compared with the £4 billion predicted by Lawson at the time of the March budget.

Bill Martin, economist at brokers Phillips & Drew, said: "It doesn't need a teenage scrib-



Nigel Lawson

bler to work out that the deficit could be a lot worse than £10 billion. The danger is that things are still deteriorating, and we will see £15 billion."

The figures mean that interest rates are likely to rise again later in the year, in order to cool the economy.

Exports rose by £277 million to £6.82 billion last month, while imports were up by £154 million to £8.34 billion. The trade deficit, of £1.52 billion, turned into a current account deficit of £1.02 billion after allowing for the estimated £500-million surplus

on services and other invisible trade.

Bryan Gould, Labour's Trade and Industry spokesman, described the figures as "appalling". He said: "Britain's permanent trade gap reveals that the government's ability to expand demand by blowing up consumer credit is not matched by any corresponding improvement in the country's ability to supply goods."

Officials at the Department of Trade and Industry said that one encouraging feature was that exports of manufactures were at a record £5.08 billion level in June, but they conceded that manufactured imports were also at a record level.

Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said that the figures were "a Tory-made disaster". He added: "Nigel Lawson only ever had luck and oil. And now the luck is running out even faster than the oil."

Britain's oil surplus fell to £149 million in May, and could temporarily disappear completely as a result of the Piper Alpha disaster in the North Sea.

Treasury officials said that the Chancellor stood by the views on the balance of payments that he expressed in his speech to the

Institute of Economic Affairs last week, in which he said that a country running a current account deficit was analogous to "a profitable company raising funds overseas."

Imports

The officials said that the deficit reflected strong imports of capital goods for investment — the volume of such imports rose by 5.5 per cent in the second quarter compared with the first. The deficit also reflected flows of funds into Britain.

But the Treasury also said that it was not certain whether the action taken to cool the economy — with base rates raised six times since early June — would bring about a narrowing of the deficit in the second half of the year.

John Banham, the director-general of the Confederation of British Industry warned the Chancellor against using the "crude instrument" of base rates again, and said that the deterioration in the current account was due to the policy of letting the pound rise against the Deutschmark.

He said: "We have been warning ever since the turn of the year that sterling was up against its ceiling of the acceptable range against the Deutschmark."

Continued growth forces readjusted economic programme

SEOUL, South Korea, July 31. (AP): South Korea plans to open its market wider and peg the surplus at \$6 billion by 1990 because of an unexpected economic growth this year, officials said yesterday.

Officials at the Economic Planning Board said South Korea's rapid economic growth in the last two years forced the government to reduce its trade surplus to avoid trade frictions with other countries.

Under its revised programme, they said the trade surplus was projected at \$7.2 billion this year and \$6 billion by 1990. South Korea's trade surplus was listed at \$7.7 billion last year.

EPB officials said the government plans to reduce the nation's current account surplus to \$6 billion by 1990 as the surplus is expected to exceed \$10 billion this year.

Growth

They said the gross national product is expected to grow 10 per cent, in real terms this year, compared to a 12 per cent growth last year. By 1991, they said South Korea's per capita GNP would reach \$5,500, about \$1,500 more than the original target.

The government wants to pull the growth rate down to 8 per cent in 1989 and 7.5 per cent in 1990, with its outstanding foreign debt set at \$23 billion from the current \$33 billion, they said.

The officials predicted South Korea would become a creditor nation in 1991 with its overseas assets outpacing foreign debt by \$3.5 billion.

Argentine team seeks IMF help

WASHINGTON, July 31. (AP): Argentine Treasury Secretary Mario Broderson met with a top International Monetary Fund official on Thursday to seek new loans to pay the interest on \$53 billion foreign debts, an IMF source said yesterday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said managing director Michel Camdessus was out of town. An Argentine embassy spokesman said the delegation saw Camdessus' deputy, Richard Erb.

Broderon was accompanied by the head of the Argentine Central Bank, Jose Luis Machinea.

The embassy spokesman, Mario Del Carril, said the Argentines also saw US Treasury officials and continuing their talks yesterday. He added that he did not know when they would leave.

The Argentines are trying to get new loans to pay the interest on foreign debts. From the fund itself they are hoping to get \$1.2 billion, with other money coming from the governments, other intergovernmental bodies and commercial banks, all of which hold parts of the current debt.

Insufficient food, shortages must be ended: Gorbachev

MOSCOW, July 31. (AP): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev has sought urgent action from top Communist Party officials to solve nagging daily problems of his countrymen, including some food shortages and hours of queuing for goods and services.

"In our work we have become involved with many economic affairs, while sometimes overlooking issues directly bearing on people's lives," Gorbachev acknowledged, in comments published today by the Communist Party daily Pravda.

Gorbachev made the remarks yesterday, during a meeting of the Communist Party's Central Committee.

Goals

That plenary session of the party's policy-making body adopted broad goals for making Soviet government more responsive and for democratising political life, but Gorbachev said the country's leadership must also act swiftly to better the lot of citizens.

"The resolution of the highly important issues determining the living standards of the people is

long overdue, and the lag in that field has become chronic," the Soviet leader said.

At a four-day national party conference that ended on July 1, many delegates complained that Gorbachev's ambitious economic and social reforms had failed to put meat on the shelves of their local stores or better the quality and assortment of consumer goods on sale.

Plan

Until their own life improves, many people will remain unconvinced that Gorbachev's programme for "perestroika," or nationwide reconstruction, is working, the Communist Party chief has acknowledged.

Gorbachev said the party's 13-member ruling Politburo has a proposed plan of action to improve "food, trade, consumer goods and services, that is, everything that directly concerns people, that is related to their daily needs and concerns."

He said even Soviet defence industry plants should be ordered to produce consumer goods that are now in short supply.

Bread and some other food products are abundant and cheaply priced in state-run Soviet food stores, but the selection of fruits and vegetables is far more limited than in the West, and in some areas, products like sugar and meat are still rationed.

Gorbachev said it was possible to increase wholesale purchases of cattle and poultry by 2.5 million tons, and milk by 4.3 million tons, in 1990, the final year of the current five-year plan.

By that year, he said, the country could be producing enough to meet recommended dietary norms for its citizens in some staples.

"We won't be able to do so as regards meat and fruits in this period," Gorbachev noted. "But there too, the situation could be mended seriously."

Remarks

Gorbachev directed some of his most poignant remarks at a problem that has long seemed synonymous with life, Soviet style — the frequent need to stand in line.

"There are lines everywhere — in trade, in the service sector, in

transport, in public health institutions, and in organisations and offices which have to act on various requests of working people," he declared.

When he visited a Moscow shoe factory Gorbachev said, a mother of two who works there complained to him: "Mikhail Sergeyevich, every day I have to spend two and sometimes even three hours queuing in stores. This is exhausting. I don't get as tired on the job as I do in the lines."

Gorbachev said the problem "has acquired such an acute nature that we should tackle it thoroughly and ensure that proper order is established."

Oil exploration agreements

ACCRA, Ghana, July 31. (AP): Ghana signed separate oil exploration agreements today with a Canadian company and with a consortium of US and Dutch oil companies.

Wells are to be drilled offshore in the Tano basin of western Ghana. Ghana National Petroleum Corp. will be a partner in both ventures.

One agreement is with Petro Canada International Assistance Corp. and the second is with a consortium composed of Atlantic Richfield Corp. of Los Angeles, Shell (BP) of the Netherlands and Unionoil of California.

World Business Summary

Egypt, Jordan set trade at \$350 million in 1989

AMMAN, July 31. (Reuters): The value of trade between Jordan and Egypt will increase next year to \$350 million, their joint higher economic committee said today. A statement, issued after two days of committee meetings chaired by Jordanian Prime Minister Zeid Al Rifa'i and Egyptian Prime Minister Atef Sedki, said the two countries also finalised a \$250 million trade agreement for 1988. It included a \$110 million barter deal under which Jordan would exchange one million tonnes of cement and raw materials for detergents, wool and glass for Egyptian aluminium, ammonia nitrate, rice, cotton and clothes. World prices would be the basis for the exchange of goods, a senior Jordanian official said. The agreement set private sector trade at \$100 million and allocated \$30 million for public sector trade transactions in foreign currency. The two countries also agreed to prepare feasibility studies for ventures planned by a joint investment holding company in meat and livestock, tourism and fishing and fish farming. The committee has met eight times since it was set up in 1984 after Jordan renewed diplomatic relations with Egypt. Along with most Arab states, Amman cut diplomatic ties with Cairo in 1979 because of its peace treaty with Israel.

Turkish firms seek construction contracts in Iran and Iraq

ANKARA, July 31. (Reuters): Turkish firms, cycling lucrative reconstruction contracts in Iran and Iraq when the Gulf war guns finally fell silent, hope their country's neutrality in the conflict will reap rich rewards. "I see a very strong chance for Turkish companies to undertake reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq after the war ends," Atilla Senol, managing director of Me-Sa Housing and Construction, told Reuters. "Turkish companies have had hopes and expectations of a new market in these countries for the past few years but right now there are no definite talks or contracts. It is too early because the war has not ended completely," he said. Some local construction firms, among the most active in the Middle East, had started to sound out contacts in both Iran and Iraq before Tehran announced on Monday that it accepted a UN Security Council ceasefire resolution, company sources said. The contacts were made jointly with Turkey's Public Works Ministry, the sources said. Turkey, which borders both Iran and Iraq, has remained neutral in their nearly eight-year-old war. The two countries together provide about 75 per cent of Turkey's oil imports. With expertise in construction ranging from houses, offices, hospitals and military bases to dams, roads and pipelines, Turkish firms believe they are in a prime position to win big deals. "In the last year some Western firms have approached Turkish firms with offers of going into joint ventures," Senol said. "We think this approach was based on the assumption that Turkish firms would have a better chance in Iran and Iraq after the war was over."

Senol's company is now building a 1,500-unit housing project worth \$150 million in Libya and is discussing new deals with the Libyan government. Construction sources said Turkish companies had advantages over Western firms because Turkey was close to Iran and Iraq, shared a common religion and could compete competitively in price. "Turkish companies have gained tremendous experience in the last two years in Libya and in Saudi Arabia and are very well equipped to undertake big projects," one source said.

Japan, S. Korea hope for profits after long wait in the Gulf

TOKYO, July 31. (AP): Apparent progress toward ending the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war is encouraging news for Japanese and South Korean trading, construction and manufacturing companies. Their multibillion-dollar business with the two Middle East countries has been in a costly holding pattern, reports the Wall Street Journal.

Despite Iraqi attacks on Iranian territory over the weekend, the United Nations continued efforts to arrange a ceasefire before actual peace talks.

"We have to watch conditions carefully," says Yoshitomo Takeuchi, head of the Middle East marketing and co-ordination department of Mitsubishi Corp., Japan's largest trading company. "But if there is a ceasefire, money used for the war will become available and trading chances will improve."

Reaction

Seoul's reaction was less restrained. Iran's acceptance of UN Resolution 598, which calls for an immediate ceasefire with Iraq, sent Korean stocks soaring. The Korean stock index rose a record

23 points on Friday to close at 688. Shares of the major construction companies — Hyundai group's Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. and Daewoo Industrial Co. — rose the limit each day last week.

"People expect good construction profits because of the ceasefire," says Lee Tae Jun of Seoul Securities Co. "Construction companies are driving the market, along with banks, securities houses and trading companies."

Reconstruction

The Overseas Construction Association of Korea estimates that Iran will invest \$42 billion in reconstruction in the next five years, while Iraq will invest \$29 billion. Korean officials estimate that Korean companies could win \$1 billion to \$5 billion of that work each year.

Japanese and Korean companies have waited a long time for peace. Throughout the Gulf war, they have kept representative offices in Tehran and Baghdad while losing billions of dollars in unpaid loans and damages to oil refineries and

other large-scale construction projects they were working on.

Japanese and Korean companies say their perseverance during the bad times should give them first crack when times are good. "There is a strong feeling among Japanese businessmen that, hey, we were there with you during the missile attacks," says Akira Mizuguchi, a project manager at the Middle East Institute of Japan, a government-sponsored think tank in Tokyo.

Consumer electronics giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., for instance, kept its plant in Iran open despite bombing damage. Now the company expects domestic demand to pick up for the rice cookers and other appliances the factory makes.

With expectations high in Japan and South Korea, analysts expect fierce competition between the two for new business in Iran and Iraq. The Koreans believe they have paid greater dues than the Japanese and can thus expect a greater share of business than they had in the boom years of the late 1970s and early 1980s.

Barclays scores with £618m

LONDON, July 31. Barclays yesterday revealed better-than-expected profits of £618m for the first half of the year against a loss of £40m a year ago when profits were hit by £570m of Third World debt provisions, according to the Daily Telegraph. Yet the message was clear — the boom in domestic British banking is over. Building societies and other new entrants are taking a bigger slice of the market.

John Quinton, Barclays chairman said last week it has aggressively chased business for the last 18 months, increasing advances 35 p.e. But margins have dropped and costs have risen 10-9 p.e., and so domestic banking profits grew only 11 p.e. to £286m, despite cutting £13m from provisions and having had the proceeds of the £924m rights issue in for six weeks.

The overall figures were swelled by £18m from the disposal of Barclays California and a £19m share in profits on 31's British Caledonian stake sale.

Barclays saved £25m from changing its accounting practices on general provisions, bringing it into line with other banks. Historically, it has had the worst domestic bad debt record of the big four, but it had to add £14m to specific provisions against loans made to the troubled Nigerian economy.

Barclays de Zoete Wedd, the stockbroker, increased its profits by £2m to £27m, despite lower volumes of share trading. Profits at the financial services division, comprising insurance and fund management, fell a quarter to £23m in the aftermath of the stock market crash.

Andrew Buxton, managing

director, admitted acceptance of the debit card Connect had been disappointing, having been taken up by only 1.25m customers. Barclays now has 30,000 customers but continues to make losses.

Barclays International still has problems. A refocusing of the finance house Barclays America Corporation from motor finance meant trading profits in the United States were static and the Italian operation lost £15m to add to a history of losses.

The corporate structure of the international division is being changed to bring it into line with the domestic side. Earnings per share were 43.3p against a loss of 8.8p a year ago and the interim dividend, payable on October 12, is to increase a ninth to 10p. The shares eased 7p to 403p.

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Modest rise in Nigerian private sector productivity

LAGOS, July 31, (OPECNA): Productivity in Nigeria's private sector appears to have recorded a very modest increase over the years, according to a working paper drawn up by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The paper, submitted to a seminar on "the productivity of the African worker" in Abuja, said it was generally believed that productivity was higher in the private sector than in the public sector.

"But overall productivity is not as high as it could be because of poor infrastructural facilities, dependence on external sources for machinery and raw materials and the newness of the industrial culture in the Nigerian economy," the paper pointed out.

Productivity

It said that productivity in the public agricultural sector was not satisfactory and did not compare with that of the private sector "which also has lower productivity due to inadequate financial support and lack of physical infrastructure and trained manpower."

The paper quoted an OAU study which said that most of the constraints facing the modern sector in many African countries were similar in nature.

These included poor management, shortage of trained manpower, lack of foreign exchange to import raw materials and replace old equipment, inadequate decision-making powers held by managers of parastatals and overstaffing.

Other constraints were world wide economic recession, deterioration in terms of trade, poor physical infrastructure, insufficient financial support and ineffective supervision, commented the paper.

Lower

The attitude of workers to work and motivation, stressed the paper, was generally lower in the public sector, mainly because of "the bureaucratic way of doing things."

In some cases, extreme inefficiency was observed in fresh capital investment because of dimensions taken at central levels, it said, adding that some countries placed restrictions on the expansion of the private sector which had a negative effect on economic growth.

The paper recommended that alternative solutions should be sought for improving the productivity of public enterprises, pointing out that privatisation might be one of them, "but is certainly not the sole one, or the most effective one."

KPC emerges as South's top firm

THE August edition of South Magazine includes its annual listing of the top 600 companies in the Third World, with a Kuwaiti company emerging as No. 1.

Debt still dogs the advance of many economies in the South and companies inevitably suffer too. However, improved commodity prices and cheaper oil have given many of the South's top companies a shot in the arm. This year's main corporate casualties are the oil and construction industries with the commercial sector continuing to suffer from protectionist trends in the North and a decline in disposable incomes in several regions.

Sales

Despite a difficult patch in the mid-80's the company that has emerged as the South's top company in terms of sales is the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC). KPC's recent success derives mainly from its move into downstream operations in Europe. This has given the corporation a guaranteed outlet for Kuwaiti petroleum products at competitive prices and the clever but simple Q8 logo has now become familiar to many European motorists.

Debt rescheduling pact delayed

LONDON, July 31, (Reuters): The Ivory Coast's failure to pay interest on its foreign debt is holding up approval of an innovative rescheduling agreement and new money package, banking sources said today.

The West African state owes about \$2.5 billion to Western commercial banks and has not paid interest on the loans for more than a year.

Earnings

The country's foreign exchange earnings have been badly depleted by a sharp drop in prices of its chief export, cocoa.

The sources said the delay had been caused by the Ivory Coast's failure to meet economic performance standards agreed to with the International Monetary Fund earlier this year. An IMF monitoring team was said to have visited the country in May.

Opportune time for investment

Malaysian economy set to grow further

KUALA LUMPUR, July 31: The Malaysian economy performed strongly in the first quarter of the year registering a growth rate of 7.5 per cent.

There are indications that the surge will continue for the rest of 1988.

This was disclosed by the Deputy Governor of Bank Negara (Malaysia's Central Bank), Dr. Lim See-Yan at the 10th Asian Securities Analysis Council (ASAC) conference in Kuala Lumpur recently.

Malaysia's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by six and seven per cent respectively in the third and fourth quarters of last year. Bank Negara has forecast a GDP growth of 5.5 per cent for the whole of this year against 4.7 per cent last year.

Significant

Growth in the manufacturing sector has remained particularly strong. The other sectors which contributed to the growth were mining, services and construction.

Dr. Lim said it was significant that construction which recorded negative growth rate in the preceding 12 quarters has finally

turned round on the impact of Malaysian yen loans on GNP and government expenditure, he said that Malaysia had been paying across the board although there were certain debts that did not have pre-payment terms.

He added that the annual inflation had been in the region of one per cent for the past 30 months. Presently, it is marginally over one per cent.

Meanwhile, Malaysia has allowed foreign stockbroking companies to increase their equity in local broking companies to 49 per cent from 30 per cent earlier.

This was announced here by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Dr. Mahathir Mohamad, while opening the ASAC conference and the 7th East Asian Stock Exchanges (EASEC). Dr. Mahathir said this was done to develop the capital market and make it comparable with those in developed countries.

With foreign participation in the corporatisation programme, the image of the local stockbroking companies will be enhanced, Dr. Mahathir said.

The Malaysian governments move to corporatise the stock-

broking companies is aimed at improving the financial strength of the industry. It will also allow corporations to take a lead in making the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange an international stock exchange.

Initially, entry was regulated, with only selected corporate participants being allowed to participate in stock broking companies. Licences were issued to three of the largest banks in late 1987.

Mahathir said that he was confident that the economy will record a real gross domestic product growth of more than five per cent, this year. Some economists, however, expect an even higher growth rate of between six and seven per cent.

He said the public companies listed on the Kuala Lumpur Stock Exchange reasonably profitable despite the sluggish economic conditions which prevailed during the past few years. Growth in corporate profits during these years was at 13.2 per cent. With the current economic recovery, the corporate sector will respond more positively to the turnaround.

Indonesia sees no need to cut oil output quotas

JAKARTA, July 31, (Reuters): Indonesia sees no need for an OPEC emergency meeting to discuss cuts in production quotas. Mines and Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita said today.

"If there is an emergency meeting that means quotas will be cut and that would be useless," he told reporters after a ceremony at his office. "But if it were called to discuss other issues, then it could take place."

Secretary-General Subroto, also an Indonesian, told Reuters in Abu Dhabi on Friday next week's meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries price committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, "will focus on prices and whether it will call emergency talks."

Quota

Subroto went to Abu Dhabi amid persistent reports the UAE was exceeding its 948,000 barrels per day (BPD) OPEC production quota and had decided to boost output to 1.5 million.

Referring to the alleged quota violations by the UAE and other members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, Ginandjar said: "There is no need to cut quotas. It's useless to cut quotas if there is overproduction."

"I think there is a need to cut the overproduction by around 800,000 to one million barrels a day. I think that is the amount that is being over-produced," he said.

The pricing committee, grouping ministers from Saudi Arabia, Indonesia, Algeria, Venezuela and Nigeria, can call a full meeting of the 13-member organisation if it decides spot prices have deviated too far from the organisation's \$18 a barrel official level.

Indonesia, meanwhile, was sticking to official selling prices for its crude oil in negotiations with Japanese buyers. Ginandjar said.

Swissair gets new president

OTTO Loeper is to take over from Robert Staubli as president of the Swiss national carrier Swissair today.

The company's corporate organisation has been restructured with effect from the same date, with a view to enhancing flexibility and aligning the company more closely to the marketplace over the next few years.

Otto Loeper joined Swissair in 1969, after graduating in mechanical engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich and gaining a Master of Science degree from Stanford University, USA. He was subsequently appointed vice-president engineering and maintenance and vice-president information systems. His most recent involvement has been in studying questions of international airline operation and in the establishment of the Galileo Distribution System currently being developed by Swissair and nine other airlines.

Robert Staubli is retiring after six years as president and serving Swissair for more than 40 years. He remains chairman of Swissair Associated Companies Ltd. until spring 1989.

As a result of the restructuring, Swissair's executive management now comprises the heads of the eleven departments, in addition to two delegates to the president and the president of Swissair Associated Companies Ltd. A wholly-owned subsidiary of the airline, Erich Geitlinger, head of the external relations department, has been named deputy president.

A major facet of the restructuring is that it gives increased authority to the groups of staff responsible for individual routes with sixteen route managers now having authority for a specific route area. In addition, the chain-of-command has been trimmed, resulting in shorter decision-making channels and response times.

Swissair has a staff of over 18,000 and carried nearly eight million passengers in 1987. It operates a fleet of 54 aircraft with an average age of just 6 years. Services are currently provided to a total of 105 destinations in 67 countries.

KD deposit rates dip in quiet trade

KUWAITI dinar deposit rates dipped yesterday in quiet trading amid high liquidity.

One dealer said banks were selling dollars, boosting dinar liquidity already high from government salary payments. But another said exchange activity was not significant.

The Central Bank dinar exchange rate, as usual on Sundays, was unchanged from Saturday's 0.28346, 56 to the dollar. But commercial banks quoted a slightly firmer spot dinar at 0.28348/53 from Saturday's 0.28350/60.

Overnight funds were offered at 1/2 per cent and tomorrow and spot-next at one per cent, but there were no reported deals.

A 100 million dinar (\$357 million) three-month Treasury bill issue on Wednesday has so far failed to move the market, mainly because a previous issue for the same amount matures on the same day.

Easier

The fixed periods were about 1/8 point easier at 5-1/4, five per cent for the one-month, 5-1/2, 4 per cent for the two-month, six, 5-5/8 per cent for the three-month, 6-1/4, six per cent for the six-month and 6-1/2, six per cent for the one-year.

Deals were reported at 5-1/2 per cent for the two-month and 6-1/8 per cent for the six-month.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal deposit rates were stable on Sunday in a quiet market still gearing up for trade after the 10-day Muslim Hajj (pilgrimage) holiday in the kingdom.

Bonds

Dealers reported virtually no activity, but expected business to return to normal on Monday when European banks opened for business after the weekend. Saudi banks reopened on Saturday after a 10-day break as the Hajj reached its climax.

Dealers predicted that rates would not respond until later in the week to the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency's offering on Saturday of 1.5 billion riyals (\$400 million) in development bonds.

Oil production declines

LONDON, July 31, (OPECNA): The daily average value of North Sea oil production fell to \$30.96 million last month, the first time it had dropped below \$34.40 million since oil prices went down in 1986.

According to the Royal Bank of Scotland quoted by news agencies, the average price of Brent crude in June was \$15.53 a barrel, compared with \$16.35 in May.

The daily average crude oil production was just under 2.10 million BPD, against an average of over 2.50 million so far this year.

June is traditionally the period when major maintenance work is carried out on a number of North Sea oilfields, resulting in sharp production declines.

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ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	1.63	1.63
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ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.36	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	0.97	0.99
ARAB INT. INV./TRAD.	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS.	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	0.31	0.31
ARAB PAPER CON/IND	1.95	1.98
ARAB PHARM. MANF.	0.76	0.75
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DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.54	0.57
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF	0.58	0.57
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.25	1.26
GENERAL MINING	1.31	1.31
HIMMEL MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.25
IND./WATCH JENCO	0.63	0.63
INDUSTRI. DEVLPT. BNK	1.53	1.50
INDUSTRI. COMM/ASR.	1.25	1.25
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COMM/INV.	0.21	0.21
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	1.25	1.25
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
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JOR EAGLE INS.	25.0125.05	
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.59	1.59
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.92	0.92
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.96	0.97
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	1.56	1.58
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.61	0.60
JOR LIM BRICK	0.22	0.22
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JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53	2.53
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JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	0.62	0.62
JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.78	0.77
JOR SELPHO CHEN	2.59	2.59
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	1.18	1.16
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.55	4.58
JOR. KUWAIT AGRI	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	7.37	7.39
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.20	5.30
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.11	2.08
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.32	0.32
JORDAN DAIRY	0.99	1.00
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.24	1.24
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85	13.90
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNK	1.74	1.72
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.43
JORDAN TANNING	2.01	2.00
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NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.80	1.80
NAT/CABLE/VTRE/MF	1.01	1.01
NATIONAL ARIA INS	1.23	1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40	0.41
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.72	0.71
NATIONAL STEEL	2.65	2.70
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.92	1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.82
RAPIA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.	0.49	0.48
SHIPPING LINES	0.87	0.88
SPINNING WEAVING	0.78	0.78
SWEETS/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.86
UNITED INSURANCE	0.95	0.96
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.46	1.51
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.19	1.23
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YARNOLK INSURANCE	1.10	1.08

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MOTORCYCLING

Magee and Rainey triumph

SUZUKA, Japan, July 31, (AP): Australian Kevin Magee and American Wayne Rainey rode their Yamaha YZF750 to victory today in the Suzuka eight-hour endurance race, the second leg of the four-race 1988 World Endurance Championship.

The Magee-Rainey team, starting in the pole position, battled Australian Wayne Gardner, Briton Niall MacKenzie on a Honda RVF750 through the first four hours, and took the lead for good when the Gardner-Mackenzie team retired with 106 laps to go.

Magee and Rainey sped 202 laps around the 5.859-kilometre (3.642-mile) Suzuka international racing course in eight hours, two minutes and 21.384 seconds at an average speed of 91.281 mph (147.228 kph).

They received \$30,770. Americans Kevin Schwantz and Doug Polen, aboard a Suzuki GSX-R705, were second in 8:01:13.210 after covering 201 laps.

Frenchmen Pierre Elie and Samin and Adrien Morillas finished third in 8:00:24.024 in 199 laps on a Kawasaki ZXR-7. Riding on a Suzuki GSX-R750, Frenchmen Herve Moineau and Thierry Grine were fourth in 8:01:19.802, covering 199 laps.

Japanese Takahiro Souwa and Kiyokazu Tada finished fifth in 8:01:32.190 over 199 laps, with Briton Kork Ballington and Australian Robert Phillips placing sixth in 8:00:24.024 in 199 laps on a Kawasaki ZXR-7 in 8:01:47.155 over 198 laps.

In endurance races, two drivers alternate on a motorcycle, each for up to three hours at a time.

A field of 60 machines started and 39 completed the race.

Soviets win water polo tournament

SEVILLE, Spain, July 31, (AP): The Soviet Union won the eight-team, fourth international Seville city water polo tournament by beating Cuba 16-11 in the seventh and last round played today.

The partial result was 2-1, 6-4, 5-3, 3-1.

Other results of the last round were:

France 12 West Germany 10. Partial result: 4-2, 2-3, 2-2, 4-3.

Netherlands 9 Australia 8. Partial result: 3-1, 1-3, 2-2, 3-2.

Spain 9 Yugoslavia 9. Partial result: 0-0, 4-3, 3-4, 3-2.

Each

The Soviet Union massed a total of 12 points to win the tournament, followed by Yugoslavia, Spain and West Germany, with 10 points each. Cuba six, France four, and the Netherlands and Australia 2 points each.

Spain's Manuel Estiarte was the best scorer of the tournament with 29 goals, followed by West Germany's Hagen Stamm, with 24. Soviet Union's Georgi Mshvenizeradze, with 18, and Australia's Jerry Clark and Cuba's Barbaro Diaz, with 15 goals each.

Lees comes home first

SENDAI, Japan, July 31, (AP): Geoff Lees of Britain took an early lead and edged Emanuele Pirro of Italy by about 1.5 seconds at the finish today to win the International F3000 race.

Lees, driving a Reynard 88D Mugen, was clocked in one hour, nine minutes, 0.620 seconds after covering 54 laps over the 3.7-kilometre (2.29-mile) Sugo International racing course in northern Japan.

His average speed was 173.901 kilometres (107.819 miles) an hour.

Pirro, also driving a Reynard 88D Mugen, was timed in 1:09:02.080, or 1.460 seconds behind Lees.

Japan's Kazuyoshi Hoshino finished third in 1:09:03.930, driving a Cabin T88 Mugen.

American Ross Cheever, who started his Dunlop 88D in the pole position, finished 14th, six laps behind.

A field of 19 cars started and 14 finished the race.

Australian yacht sails to victory

HONOLULU, July 31, (AP): Windward Passage II of Australia led Il Moro Di Venezia across the finish line yesterday to win the Class A competition in the first race of the Kenwood Cup Hawaii International Ocean racing series.

Matador of the United States was third in Class A in the 27-mile (43.5-kilometre) triangle race held off Waikiki Beach in six-foot (12-metre) swells and winds of 10 to 25 mph (16 to 40 kph).

ASHFORD BEATEN IN 100 METRES

Myricks jumps to victory

CAORLE, Italy, July 31, (Reuters): Larry Myricks scored a handsomely clearcut long jump victory yesterday when he competed in Italy for the first time since a rigging scandal robbed him of a World Championship medal last year.

Myricks leapt 8.31 metres to win by the hefty margin of 59 centimetres from second-placed Gianni Becatti of Italy at the Caorle International Meeting in northern Italy.

The jump was well below the 8.74 metres he achieved in the US Olympic trials earlier this month when he finished a mere two centimetres behind Olympic and world champion Carl Lewis. But it was comfortably longer than the efforts of his rivals in Caorle.

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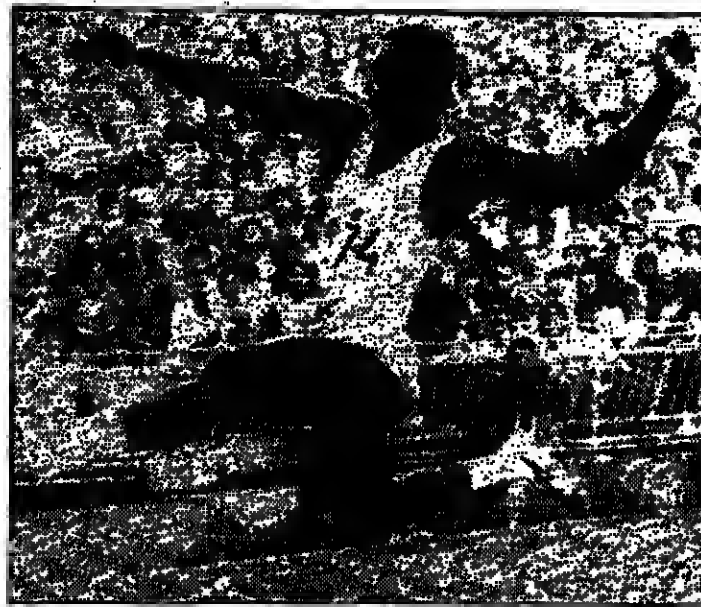
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Wolfgang Schmidt led teammate Alwin Wagner to a one-two West German sweep in the discus. Schmidt threw 63.58 metres, with Wagner placing second on 60.34.

Jose Barbosa of Brazil led from the start to win the men's 800 metres in a leisurely one minute, 48.35 seconds. Alberto Giumares of Brazil placed second (1:48.79) ahead of American Ray Brown (1:49.10).

American Thomas Jefferson won the men's 200 metres in 20.86 ahead of Gilles Quenehervé of France.

Kim Gallagher, whose 1:58.01 in the women's 800 metres was the best at the US trials, maintained her winning form by taking yesterday's race in 2:01.83.

Olympic champion Evelyn Ashford, who lost her 100 metres world record to fellow-American Florence Griffith-Joyner two weeks ago, suffered a surprise reverse over the distance against Nigerian Mary Onyal.

Neither clocked a fast time in the windy afternoon heat, with Onyal crossing the line in 11.72 seconds and Ashford appearing to relax into the finish in 11.86.

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Walt Terrell pitched a five-hitter and Tom Brookens homered as the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers 3-0. The Tigers scraped together two runs in the third off Charlie Hough, 9-12.

Athletics 5, Mariners 2

Dave Henderson and Jose Canseco hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning to support the four-hit pitching of Dave Stewart as the Oakland Athletics beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2.

Results

American League

Boston 3 Milwaukee 2
Minnesota 4 Cleveland 2
New York 3 Toronto 1
California 15 Chicago 14
Kansas City 8 Baltimore 7
Detroit 3 Texas 0
Oakland 5 Seattle 2

National League

Houston 14 Los Angeles 6
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Brown clears a hurdle in the 110m hurdles final on his way to second place. (Reuters wirephoto)

Krabbe turns tables on Dietz in 200 metres

SUDBURY, Ontario, July 31, (Reuters): East German Kathrin Krabbe turned the tables on her teammate Diana Dietz by winning the women's 200 metres gold medal at the World Junior Athletics Championships yesterday.

Krabbe, who was runner-up to Dietz in Friday's 100 metres, pulled away on the final straight to win with a meeting record time of 22.34 seconds. Dietz was second in 22.88 with Cuba's Liliana Allen third in 22.97.

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Athletics 5, Mariners 2

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Results

American League

Boston 3 Milwaukee 2
Minnesota 4 Cleveland 2
New York 3 Toronto 1
California 15 Chicago 14
Kansas City 8 Baltimore 7
Detroit 3 Texas 0
Oakland 5 Seattle 2

National League

Houston 14 Los Angeles 6
San Francisco 2 Atlanta Braves 1
New York 3 Pittsburgh 0
Philadelphia 3 Chicago 2
Montreal 2 St Louis 1
Cincinnati 2 San Diego 0

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

New York shut out Pittsburgh again

NEW YORK, July 31, (AP): For their highest series of the season so far, the Pittsburgh Pirates have come up blank.

Sid Fernandez and Randy Myers combined on a four-hitter as the Mets shut out the Pirates for the second straight night, leading New York to a 3-0 victory over Pittsburgh yesterday.

Howard Johnson homered as the Mets took a four-game lead over the Pirates in the National League East with their Major League high 16th shutout. On Friday night, Bob Ojeda scattered three singles in a 1-0 victory.

"What Bobby did, you can't try to duplicate," Fernandez said. "I went out today and just tried to do what I could do."

Fernandez, 6-8, scattered four singles in seven innings and struck out 12, tying the league high this season. Myers finished with perfect relief for his 16th save.

Johnson hit his 18th home run in the fourth off Brian Fisher, 6-8. Kevin Elster hit an RBI single in the sixth and New York scored an unearned run in the eighth when third baseman Bobby Bonilla made two errors.

Astros 4, Dodgers 6

Alex Trevino hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning off an injured Fernando Valenzuela and Rafael Ramirez's two-run triple sparked a five-run sixth. Trevino, Bill Doran and reliever Danny Darwin, 3-9, each had three RBIs. The Astros had 16 hits, three by Doran.

Giants 2, Braves 1

Kelly Downs allowed six hits in eight-plus innings and Will Clark drove in his National League-leading 78th run with an RBI double in the eighth to lead San Francisco. Craig Lefferts earned his seventh save.

Phillies 3, Cubs 2

Juan Samuel hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to snap a tie as the Phillies ended a four-game losing streak. Don Carman, 8-5, gave up two runs and four hits in 6 2/3 innings.

Expos 2, Cardinals 1

Tom Wallach hit a sacrifice fly and Wallace Johnson hit a two-out RBI single as the Expos rallied for two runs in the ninth inning. Todd Worrell, 4-9, relieved Joe Hesketh, 3-1, who pitched one hitless inning, striking out two.

Reds 2, Padres 0

Tom Browning allowed four hits over 8 1/3 innings to win for the eighth time in nine decisions. Nick Esasky hit a run-scoring single in the fourth and Jeff Reed added an RBI single in the sixth.

Twins 4, Indians 2

Corey Gaetti hit a three-run home run and Allan Anderson pitched a five-hitter for his second career complete game as Minnesota beat Cleveland in a game shortened to seven innings by rain.

Yankees 3, Blue Jays 1

John Candelaria combined with two relievers on a four-hitter. Rickey Henderson scored twice and Dave Winfield homered as New York defeated Toronto.

Angels 15, White Sox 14

Chili Davis drove in five runs with two homers and Dick Schofield, Jack Howell and Darrell Miller added solo shots as California held on to defeat Chicago. Dan Pasqua homered twice for Chicago. Sherman Corbett, the second of four California pitchers, worked 3 2/3 innings to win his first Major League decision.

Royals 8, Orioles 7

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SPORTS

ANNA CONE OVERCOMES CAHILL

Agassi trounces Goldie for final

STRATTON MOUNTAIN, Vermont, July 31. (AP) No. 2 seed Andre Agassi advanced to the finals of the Volvo International tennis tournament yesterday, setting up a confrontation with Paul Annacone.

Agassi, ranked fifth in the world and first among American players at age 18, again employed his powerful forehand and a looping topspin shot to oust 12th-seeded Dan Goldie 6-3, 6-3.

Rise
Annacone, seeded 13th and ranked 48th, returned to his hispanic-charge game to defeat No. 9 seed Darren Cahill 6-4, 6-3 in 68 minutes and reach his first final since 1985.

The winner will earn \$114,000. The temperature on the court was 104 degrees as Agassi made his first final at the tournament where he began his rise to tennis fame two years ago. He lost to Ivan Lendl last year in the semifinals and to John McEnroe

in the 1986 quarterfinals.

Lendl, first in the world, was ousted Wednesday by unseeded Roger Smith.

Agassi employed the same blooping shot he resorted to Thursday as he defeated Goldie, a 24-year-old ranked 42nd.

"I knew I'd have to use that a lot today" to get past Goldie at the net, Agassi said.

He took the first set easily but had trouble early in the second, as Goldie broke him in the second and fourth games.

But Agassi won the last five games, breaking Goldie in the ninth with a powerful shot off Goldie's racket at the net.

"I thought in the second set he'd beat me. I don't know if he was a little intimidated by my serve because I actually broke him only once in the first set," Agassi said.

Goldie had trouble serving. "I couldn't get a first serve in. I don't know what my percentage



Agassi slams a forehand towards Goldie. (Reuter wirephoto)

was but it had to be real low," he said. "When you're not serving well, you're in big trouble."

Annacone had moved away from his style of play after hear-

ing negative comments about it from television commentators and others.

But he began using it again 10 days ago and yesterday drove

Cahill around the court with a powerful serve and bullet-like shots from the net.

"That's what I live and die by," he said. "The faster things happen for me, the better I concentrate and the better I play."

Cahill, a 22-year-old from Australia, broke Annacone early in the first set but Annacone broke back in the fourth and ninth games.

The 25-year-old served up four of his six aces in the second set, which ended when Cahill returned service into the net.

In the doubles semifinals, the top-seeded team of Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, both of Sebring, Fla., was upset by the South African team of Pieter Aldrich and Danie Visser 6-3, 7-6 (7-3).

In the final, Aldrich and Visser was to meet Jorge Lozano and Todd Witsken who beat Australian Laurie Warder and South African Gary Muller 6-7 (2-7) 7-6 (7-4) 7-5.

Evert and Mill wed in formal affair



Evert and Mill pose for pictures after their wedding. (Reuter wirephoto)

BOCA RATON, Florida, July 31. (AP) Chris Evert and champion skier Andy Mill had tears in their eyes as they exchanged wedding vows in a formal civil ceremony last evening attended by 100 family members and friends.

"We're thrilled," Evert said. "It was a very emotional ceremony. We were both crying."

"The feeling was just overwhelming," Mill said. "It was something I'd been waiting for over a year."

Among those in attendance were tennis players Martina Navratilova, Billie Jean King, Pam Shriver and Wendy Turnbull, entertainer Lynda Carter, bodybuilder Rachel McLish and race-car driver Danny Sullivan.

"It's a great celebration for family and friends from both sides to get together and share in their day," Shriver said.

Evert, wearing a white, tea-length dress with puffed sleeves, walked down the aisle unescorted. The ceremony took place in the grand ballroom of the Polo Club of Boca Raton resort on a white riser decorated with pink flowers and ferns.

Bridesmaids wore ice-pink silk dresses, while groomsmen were outfitted in black tuxedos with pink ties.

Following the ceremony, the guests were treated to a dinner and dancing to a seven-piece band. Lynda Carter serenaded the couple with an accompanied

rendition of the song "Just You and I."

The couple then left for a brief honeymoon to an undisclosed location. Evert is expected to compete in a tournament in Los Angeles Aug. 8.

Both Evert, 33, and Mill, 35, were ending eight-year marriages when they first met 19 months ago at a New Year's Eve party in Aspen, Colorado.

"The last thing we were looking for was another romantic relationship," Mill said earlier this week. "But the old cliché is that when you're looking for love, you never find it."

Evert was in Aspen shortly after breaking up with British tennis star John Lloyd. Mill's divorce proceedings became complicated after he began dating Evert when his wife Robin began appearing in US and British tabloids claiming Mill was an extravagant playboy.

"My divorce was terrible," Mill, who placed sixth in the 1976 Olympic downhill and 18th in the 1980 Games, said earlier in the week. "I had a very arduous last five years. I thought I was a good husband. I really tried to work things out."

But Evert was accustomed to seeing her personal life chronicled in publications.

Her engagement to tennis player Jimmy Connors in 1974 made headlines worldwide. Evert also reportedly dated actor Burt Reynolds and Jack Ford, son of former President Gerald Ford.

SPORTS BRIEFS

W. Indies' match

CHICHESTER, England, July 31. (Reuters) West Indies had scored 70 runs without loss in their second innings on the second day of their three-day match against Essex here today. Essex declared earlier on in their first innings, at 250 for nine. West Indies hit 37s in their first innings.

Coe triumphs

JONA RAPPEL, Switzerland, July 31. (Reuters) Olympic champion Seb Coe of Britain won a 1,500 metres race here today in three minutes 37.7 seconds. Coe succeeded in his aim of running inside the Olympic qualifying time of 3:38. Safer former Swiss 1,500 metres champion Peter Wirtz set a brisk early pace.

Local cricket

LALCON Cricket Club meet Sabahia in the semifinals of the Pak Sahad Trophy at the Airport-Millat ground on Friday, Aug. 5. The match will start at 6 am. Qande-Millat have already qualified for the final.

British Open

LINDRICK, England, July 31. (Reuters) Australian Corinne Dribnah, unsettled when she drove a ball into a spectator's face, was the victim of a sudden-death playoff with South African-born American Sally Little today.

Cup qualifier

WILLENSTAD, Curaçao, July 31. (Reuters) Netherlands Antilles beat Antigua 3-1 (half-time 0-1) in a World Cup soccer Concacaf first round, second leg qualifier on Friday.

Endurance race

FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium, July 31. (AP) Italian Roberto Ravaglia anchored a BMW M3 to victory today in the 24 hours of Francorchamps endurance race, part of the European Championships for tourism cars.

Top seeds

INDIANAPOLIS, July 31. (AP) Boris Becker and Jimmy Connors were named the top two seeds yesterday in the US Men's National Hardcourt Championships which opens play tomorrow.

Friendly match

STOCKHOLM, July 31. (UPI) Sweden 1 (Hellestrom, 85th), Brazil 1 (Jorginho, 27th). Friendly international match. Crowd: 35,630.

Canadian athletes

OTTAWA, July 31. (Reuters) Canada will press its athletes not to compete in any event worldwide in which South Africans take part, a spokesman for the federal department of fitness and amateur sport said in a published interview.

S. African spectators

JOHANNESBURG, July 31. (UPI) South African spectators have been barred from attending the Olympic Games in Seoul in a judgement that threatens to spread to other international sports events, sports officials said today.

Course record

BETHESDA, Md., July 31. (Reuters) Connie Chillemi shot a course record 64 yesterday to take a one stroke lead after two rounds of the \$225,000 Greater Washington Open golf tournament at the Bethesda Country Club.

RESULTS of the marathon bridge game held at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday:

1. Mrs Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza
2. Dr Adel Bayyumi & Ahmed Henni
3. Sherin Bayyumi & Marcel Zauri

Scorpion thrash Hasawi

SCORPION increased their chances of a semifinal berth in Amer Trophy with a 30-run victory over Hasawi Cricket Club at the Yarmouk ground on Friday.

Hasawi, after winning the toss, put Scorpion in to bat. Although the bowling lacked any penetration, the Scorpion batsmen were only able to score 143 for the loss of four wickets in 20 overs.

Reach

Ijaz was the top scorer with an unbeaten 43 which included four boundaries while Ghulam Haider hit five fours in his 38. The other batsmen to reach the double figures were Riaz Chaudhry (22), Sarfraz (13) and Mus-

tafa (12). For Hasawi, Jamil, Rocky, Anil and Ismail picked up a wicket each.

Hasawi, requiring over seven runs an over for victory, failed to keep up with the run-rate required and were all out on the last ball of their innings for 113.

Except for Manhar (29), Anil (24) and Lawrence with an unbeaten 15, no other batsman could face the Scorpion bowlers with any confidence.

Ijaz, Abid and Musleh took two wickets each while one went to Ghulam Haider. Shehzad Yaseen did an excellent job behind the stumps with two catches and a stumping.

Zico undecided about his soccer future

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 31. (Reuters) Brazil's veteran World Cup striker Zico said today he was still undecided about his future in soccer.

"I have received three offers but (have made) no decision yet," he told Reuters.

Zico, 35, said the offers were to renew his contract with Rio's Flamengo, play for a Japanese club and start a soccer camp for youngsters in Japan, or join Brazil's All-Star team which will take part in the World Cup for seniors in January.

"Each of the offers has a different advantage, a different appeal. I must say I'm a bit confused. But I hope to come up with a decision within the next two weeks," he said.

Zico, a World Cup player in 1978, 1982 and 1986, said he would also consider retiring from the game and becoming a full-time television commentator.

He made his debut this week, commenting on a friendly match between Brazil and Norway in Oslo.

Endure
Zico said that before deciding whether to continue playing he had to be sure he was fit enough to endure another tough Brazilian season.

"I love Flamengo but I do not want to jeopardise a reputation built during a long career. If my muscles cannot cope with the problems a player has to face during a long season, I'd rather quit now," he said.

"Soccer is my life and I love to play it. But I do not want fans to get the impression that I'm only signing a new contract because of the money."

Cricket makes rare appearance in Poland

WARSAW, July 31. (Reuters) The star fast bowler could not gain a visa to play and a road-roller was needed to create a pitch, but foreign residents of Prague and Warsaw managed to stage a rare game of cricket in the Polish capital yesterday.

Businessmen and diplomats arrived from Prague with a letter of encouragement from the Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in London, traditional home of world cricket, for what was only the second cricket match in living memory in Poland.

The Prague Cricket Club, deprived of its American baseball pitcher turned fast bowler because he was unable to get an entry visa in time to play, struggled to a paltry 52 all out and were easily beaten by four wickets.

Used
The club was formed last year and plays on a converted rugby pitch against Indians and Britons living in Czechoslovakia. A huge Polish road-roller had to be used to make a wicket from a soccer pitch for yesterday's match.

The MCC sent its letter of encouragement when it heard cricket was being played in Eastern Europe. The only other known match in Poland was between British diplomats and their sons two years ago.

For a handful of Poles passing by it was all very amusing. "I can't understand but it seems a very restful game. There's not much happening," one said.

Irate Graf snaps at W. German crowd



Graf beat Maleeva

HAMBURG, West Germany, July 31. (Reuters) World number one Steffi Graf beat Bulgarian Katerina Maleeva 6-4 6-2 to win the \$200,000 Hamburg Women's Tennis Tournament today then turned on the West German crowd in anger at their disenchanted.

The Australian, French and Wimbledon champion, whose form fluctuated wildly during the tournament, shouted "Not satisfied today?" at the 7,000 crowd when they whistled and booed during a post-match court-side interview.

When they did the same again a few minutes later the 19-year-old blonde, looking close to

tears, yelled through the microphone "What do you want (from me) then?"

The interviewer had asked her about her attitude towards the spectators who, on several days, criticised her loudly for beating her opponents too quickly or for making too many errors. Her shouted remarks were her replies.

Inflicted

Graf, wearing a bandage on the middle finger of her racket hand, the legacy of a bite inflicted by Maxi, one of her three dogs, made many forehand errors in trying to force the pace of the match against second seed

Maradona apologises to Bianchi

LODRONE, Italy, July 31. (Reuters) Argentine football star Diego Maradona, publicly apologised to Napoli manager Ottavio Bianchi today, one week after strongly criticising him.

In a carefully staged reconciliation before reporters as the players assembled for pre-season training in northern Italy, the Napoli captain said: "I apologise for all that has happened, to the manager, to my teammates and to the fans."

He said he now just wanted to get back to work "to make the

side great."

On July 23 Maradona issued what amounted to a statement of no-confidence in his manager, saying he had wanted him out of the job at the end of last season.

Prove
He had earlier criticised the signing of new Brazilian star Alemão.

But today, the captain of Argentina's World Cup winning side told reporters: "I hope Alemão will prove to be the best of all the new foreign players

signed in Italy ... I hope he too will become my friend."

After a photo session of smiling handsakes with his captain, Bianchi said: "I have never had any doubts about Maradona. Diego is often under a lot of pressure."

Sixteen Napoli players have been fined by the Italian League for an open revolt against Bianchi after the club failed to retain the League title in a duel with AC Milan during the final weeks of last season. Maradona was not involved in that rebellion.

Muster defeats Agenor for Grand Prix crown

BORDEAUX, France, July 31. (Reuters) Rising star Thomas Muster of Austria rounded off a vintage month with a straight-sets victory over Ronald Agenor of Haiti in the final of the \$250,000 Bordeaux Grand Prix today.

Third seed Muster, who won the US Pro Championship in Boston earlier this month and helped Austria reach the Davis Cup world group with a 5-0 defeat of Britain, beat Agenor 6-3 6-3.

The 20-year-old Austrian's month also included a victory over Czechoslovak Miloslav Mecir, the top seed, in the Stuttgart Grand Prix. Muster went on to the quarterfinals, where he was beaten by Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina.

Agenor, who lives in Bordeaux

and had the enthusiastic backing of the crowd, fought back bravely in the second set after losing the first in under an hour. He broke Muster's serve in the first game but lost the next four games.

Agenor, seeded fifth, had the compensation of having beaten top seed Yannick Noah of France, who was nursing an inflamed right knee.

The Frenchman won the first set of their semifinal yesterday but let the match slip away as the pain began to bite. Agenor won 4-6 6-6 3.

Noah said he hoped to be back for the US Open in September. "I'm going to rest and take care of myself for a week," he said.

"As for Flushing Meadows, I hope to have recovered in a month's time."

Dujon hit by freak injury

CHELMSFORD, England, July 31. (Reuters) West Indies wicketkeeper Jeff Dujon may miss the fifth Test against England starting on Thursday after suffering a freak injury against Essex today.

Dujon was acting as a substitute fielder when he twisted his right ankle on a boundary rope chasing a stroke by Essex batsman Alan Lilley.

Damage

West Indies manager Jackie Hendricks said: "Jeff has had an X-ray, and there is no damage to the bone. But the ligaments may be strained."

"He will have further treatment and we will have to see if rest will cure him in time for the Test match."

Dujon is a key member of the West Indies side, and is averaging almost 50 with the bat in the current series.

Dilley withdraws from last Test against W. Indies

LONDON, July 31. (Reuters) Fast bowler Graham Dilley, who has a knee injury, withdrew today from the fifth Test against West Indies, continuing the drain of experienced players from England's battered side.

Manager Micki Stewart said an announcement regarding a replacement for Dilley would be made tomorrow. The Test, the last in the series which West Indies lead 3-0, starts at the Oval on Thursday.

With David Gower dropped, Mike Gatting in voluntary exile and Allan Lamb still doubtful through injury, the absence of Dilley is a cruel blow to captain Chris Cowdrey whose own Test future is in considerable doubt.

Greg Thomas, Jon Agnew and Phil Defreitas are thought to be the leading candidates to fill Dilley's boots but Stewart was giving nothing away. He said:

"We are weighing up the alternatives. It is likely the replacement will come from the players discussed in Friday's



Thomas (left), Agnew (centre) and Defreitas: leading candidates to fill Dilley's boots.

selection meeting."

If Lamb's torn calf muscle does not mend in time England will be left with Graham Gooch, 66 Tests, and Neil Foster, 23 Tests, as the only experienced men in the line-up.

Derek Pringle has 17 caps but is likely to be left out on Thursday morning and the other eight players in the squad have only 21 Tests between them.



Dilley's injury is the last straw for the selectors to a summer of disaster. He has been England's only consistently successful bowler during the current series with 15 wickets at 26.86 apiece.

His withdrawal continues an unhappy record of injury and illness. It is the 12th time in his career that he has pulled out or has had to make himself unavailable for a Test.



Stewart said: "Graham has a knee problem that causes swelling each time he has bowled. He had to play in the NatWest quarterfinal the day after the fourth Test and that aggravated it even more."

"It's too early to say if he is going to be fit again for the Test against Sri Lanka later this summer."

If Agnew were the man chosen

to replace Dilley, he would become the 27th player picked by Peter May and his selectors in this series.

The current turnover is testimony to West Indies domination and the disarray that England find themselves in.

Kim Barnett, the Derbyshire captain, will make his Test debut but fellow newcomer Matthew Maynard looks likely to play only if Lamb is unfit.

Dropped

Gower's absence may well prove costly, despite his obvious lack of form. In the last three years at the Oval he has scored 350 Test runs in four innings, including two centuries. Ironically, the last time Gower was dropped was for the 1981 Oval Test.

Gower said: "I am not entirely surprised and it certainly isn't a shock. The last couple of matches have done the damage. I've now got to make runs so the selectors can't ignore me for the tour to India."